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## Quetzals, Critters, Creepies and Companionship of Costa Rica!

Presented by DFO's 2004 Ptarmigan Award Winner Norm Erthal.  
Wednesday January 5, 2005.

On February 2, not only will the groundhog come out of his burrow and look for his shadow, but Paul Tebbel will try once again to come to Denver from his home at Rowe Sanctuary in Nebraska! He will be presenting his humorous and colorful program on Sandhill Crane Behavior. Be sure to bring your love interest to this one, as there will be audience participation!

(Monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building.)



*Harpy Eagle*



## DFO Field Trips for January 2005

Saturday, January 1

*Urban Count*

### January 1, 2005 URBAN DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT

Platte River from North City limits to Mississippi, west to Buckley Field and Rocky Mtn. Arsenal. Start the New Year with a half day or whole day effort--a good way to start your 2003 Year List!

At 5:00 p.m. after the count, join us for a Pot Luck at Casey Davenport's, 415 South High (5 blocks west of University, about 2 blocks south of Alameda); please call Casey or Jeff (303-744-0613) so we can count you in on the chili pot, Urling's brownies, and Casey & Jeff's hospitality.

Count Leader, Hugh Kingery 303-814-2723

| Area | Location                                | Telephone    | Leader(s)      |
|------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1    | South Platte (south)                    | 303-798-8072 | Doris Cruze    |
| 2    | South Platte (central), downtown Denver |              |                |
| 3    | South Platte (north)                    | 303-278-8035 | Dick Schottler |
| 4    | Rocky Mtn. Arsenal                      | 303-814-2723 | Urling Kingery |

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## DFO Urban Christmas Count 2005, continued

|    |                                                     |              |                                                                                   |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5  | Commerce City/Montbello                             | 303-287-1644 | Jackie King                                                                       |
| 6  | Sand Creek/Tollgate Creek,<br>Bluff Lake, & Aurora, | 303-680-3381 | Randy Lentz                                                                       |
|    |                                                     | 303-699-1721 | Buzz Schaumberg                                                                   |
| 7  | Cherry Creek Res.                                   | 720-560-3671 | Glenn Walbek <a href="mailto:GWalbek@comcast.net">GWalbek@comcast.net</a>         |
| 8  | Kent School, S/Hampden                              | 303-757-7000 | Lynn Willcockson                                                                  |
| 9  | SE Denver, N/Hampden                                | 303-771-8331 | Walt Hackney <a href="mailto:gyrfal@juno.com">gyrfal@juno.com</a>                 |
| 10 | Cherry Creek, dam to<br>Den. Country Club           | 303-422-3728 | Paul Slingsby                                                                     |
| 11 | Fairmont, Lowry Field                               | 303-979-6211 | Tuesday Birders                                                                   |
| 13 | City Park/Park Hill                                 | 303-671-8236 | Kevin Corwin                                                                      |
| 14 | Denver Zoo                                          | 303-376-4884 | Brad Parks <a href="mailto:publicprog@denverzoo.org">publicprog@denverzoo.org</a> |
| 15 | Wash Park/Denver                                    | 303-744-0613 | Casey Davenport                                                                   |

Country Club; Cherry Creek to Confluence; DU; Greater Glendale

Don't forget the DFO Christmas Count on December 18—call Patty Echelmeyer (303-233-4947) Tina Jones (303-749-2647) for more information, or download the detailed list on our web site, [www.dfobirders.org](http://www.dfobirders.org)

## DFO Field Trips, January 2005

### Sunday, January 2 *Douglas County Christmas Count*

The Douglas County Christmas Bird Count sponsored by Roxborough State Park will be held on Sunday, January 2, 2005. Time is 0730-1530 with compilation and chili supper at Roxborough Visitor Center after the count at 1600. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, December 29. Call Roxborough State Park at 303-973-3959 to sign up. Questions? Call Ann Bonnell at 303-979-6211 or e-mail at [abonnell@juno.com](mailto:abonnell@juno.com).

### Saturday, January 8 *Overland Pond Park along S. Platte River*

Leader: J.B. Hayes (303-798-9683)

Meet at 0900 at parking lot on north side of Florida, just east of where Florida crosses the S. Platte. Bring lunch—we'll bird until about 1400. Check with Rare Bird Alert (303-659-8750) if weather is questionable. Fifteen duck species possible.

### Sunday, January 9 *Cherry Creek State Recreation Area*

Leaders: Lea Ann and Bob Brown (303-791-6204)

Meet at 0800 at marina near west exit. (Go east from Yosemite on Union Ave., then across from Cherry Creek High School and enter park.) State Parks Pass needed. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Add lots of species to your 2005 list!

### Saturday, January 15 *Chatfield State Park*

Leaders: Ed Holub (303-979-2194)

Meet at 0730 at fee station just inside west entrance. (From C-470 take Wadsworth south 1.5 miles.) State Parks Pass needed. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Maybe some "good" gulls.

## DFO Field Trips, January 2005 continued

Sunday, January 16 *Boulder County Winter Raptor Run*

Leader: Dianna and Wayne Johnston (303-682-5662)

Meet leaders at 0900 at Park 'n Ride at Hwy 287 and Niwot Rd. (From I-25 take exit 235 (Colo. State Hwy 52). Go left at exit and west on Hwy 52 for 6.8 miles to Hwy 287; turn right (north) on 287. Go 0.7 miles, turn left (west) on Niwot Rd. Three-quarter-day driving trip. Bring lunch, snacks, water. They know the area and its birds!

Saturday, January 22 *88<sup>th</sup> and the S. Platte for ducks, ducks, ducks!*

Leader: Peggy Gonder (303-321-3465)

Meet at 0800 at the parking lot at 88<sup>th</sup> and the S. Platte River. Half-day trip. Easy walking *south*. Lunch optional. Good for new birders.

Sunday, January 23 *Wheatridge Green Belt*

Leader: Mike Foster (303-279-3026)

Meet leader at 0830. Enter green belt off 44<sup>th</sup> Ave. between Robb and Quail St. in Wheatridge. Go around Prospect Lake to parking area, near restrooms and next to Clear Creek. Half-day trip. After trip will go to Wild Bird Center for snacks and beverages. Lots to see and learn.

Saturday, January 29 *Along St. Vrain and S. Platte Rivers (Raptors!)*

Leader: Dick Pratt (303-651-6860)

Meet at 0900. Go north on I-25 to Longmont exit 240 (Hwy 119). Meet at southeast corner Park 'n Ride opposite Wendy's. Full day, bring lunch. 10,000 Starlings and 28 Bald Eagles last year.

Sunday, January 30 *Pueblo area*

Leaders: Tammy Ellsworth and Ira Sanders (303-278-7172)

Meet at 0630 for *full* day of birding, at Skyridge Hospital in Lone Tree—at corner of I-25 and Lincoln St. Bring lunch, snacks, and water plus State Parks Pass. Be ready for *good* birds!

## DFO Field Trip Summaries, November 2004

November 6, Saturday *Walden Pond in Boulder (WAL)*

Leader(s): Bob Evans. Observers: Jill Gibbs, Gene Ellis, Beccy Pem, Joe Pam, Trish Schumacher, Lonny Frye, Peggy Gonder. Time: 0800-1200. Distance: 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Ponds, plains riparian, elevation 5240'.

Weather: Partly cloudy, 55-70°F, variable wind, 1-3 mph. Totals: 35 species, 940+ individuals.

November 7, Sunday *Scoter Trip (SCO)*

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. Observers: Allen Hagood, Allison Hilf, Gordon Hodgson, Charlie Lawrence, Randy Lentz, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Ira Sanders, Polleke Siraa, Larry Wilson. Time: 0800-1650. Distance: 343 miles by car. Habitat: Reservoirs, lakes. Weather: Clear and sunny, 32-47°F, south wind, 0-4 mph. Totals: 54 species, 3008 individuals.

November 13, Saturday *Barr Lake (BAR)*

Leader(s): Lee and Marilyn Rowe. Observers: Warren Finch, Trish Schumacher. Time: 0800-1100. Distance: 2.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, elevation 5100'. Weather: Overcast, lake covered by fog, 28-37°F, no wind. Totals: 34 species, 4567 individuals.

November 14, Sunday *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Prospect Park (WHE)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. Observer(s): Alison Donnelly, Joe Elliott, Jim Fischer, Leslie Gerard, Christie Honnen,

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## Field Trip Summaries November 2004, continued

Bob Hutchison, Pete Mulholland, Mickey O'Brien, Nina Rough, Sherman Wing. Time: 0800-1115. Distance: 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Urban, emergent wetland, open water lake, lowland riparian, lowland riparian deciduous. Weather: Partly cloudy, 36-51°F. Totals: 42 species, 731 individuals.

November 20, Saturday *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Ed Holub. Observers: Randy Lentz. Time: 0730-1230. Distance: 19 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Lake, river riparian, elevation 5500'. Weather: Light snow, light fog, overcast, 26-32°F, southeast wind, 0-3 mph. Totals: 45 species, 1065 individuals.

November 21, Sunday *Boulder/Weld County Raptors (BOU)*

Leader(s): Wayne and Dianna Johnston. Observers: Chris Owens, Richard Mendez, Larry Wilson, Mike Sportiello, Peggy Hankins, Jill Boice. Time: 0900-1700. Distance: 60 miles by car. Totals: 8 species, 184 individuals.

November 26, Friday *Turkey Chase to Hugo and Flagler SWA (TUR)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. Observers: Gordon Hodgson, Bob Shade. Time: 0730-1715. Distance: 311 miles by car. Weather: Cloudy, rainy mixed with snow, 32-39°F, north wind, 3-5 mph. Totals: 25 species, 3558 individuals.

November 27, Saturday *Audubon Center at Chatfield (AUD)* Cancelled; no participants.

November 28, Sunday *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. Observers: Allison Hilf. Time: 0730-1400. Distance: 22 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Reservoir, grassland, riparian woodland, elevation 5300'. Weather: Overcast, snow, 20-27°F, north wind, 10-18 mph. Totals: 36 species, 1144 individuals.

### Tuesday Birders

November 2 *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 15. Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 15 miles by car, ½ mile on foot. Habitat: Large reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow and open grassy areas, elevation 5430'. Weather: Sunny, 27-55°F, southwest wind, 0-15 mph. Totals: 31 species, 457 individuals.

**November 9** *Bear Creek Lake Park, Lakewood (BEA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 31. Time: 0900-1230. Distance: 9 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails and open fields, elevation 5800'. Weather: Partly sunny, 62-64°F, northwest wind, 0-5 mph. Totals: 30 species, 166 individuals.

November 16 *Walden Ponds (WAL)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 26. Time: 0845-1215. Distance: 1.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, cottonwood, willow, reclaimed gravel pits, elevation 5363'. Weather: Partly cloudy, 43-64°F, northeast wind, 0-4 mph. Totals: 36 species, 854 individuals.

November 23 *South Platte Park (SOU)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 16. Time: 0900-1215. Distance: 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Gravel ponds, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, bicycle trail, elevation 5600'. Weather: Cloudy to mostly sunny, 33-55°F, calm. Totals: 31 species, 937 individuals.

November 30 *Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield (DEN)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 12. Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 1 mile by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Riparian, ponds, cottonwood, willow, cattails, juniper, open fields, elevation 5500'. Weather: Clear, 15-35°F, calm. Totals: 24 species, 541 individuals.



## Field Trip Summary Table, November 2004

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | DFO FIELD TRIPS |      |      |     |     |     |      |     |     |  | TUESDAY BIRDERS |     |     |     |     | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|--|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
|                             | 6               | 7    | 13   | 14  | 20  | 21  | 26   | 27  | 28  |  | 2               | 9   | 16  | 23  | 30  |       |
|                             | WAL             | SCO  | BAR  | WHE | CHA | BOU | COL  | AUD | CHE |  | CHA             | BEA | WAL | SOU | DEN |       |
| Red-throated Loon           |                 |      |      |     | 1   |     |      |     |     |  | 1               |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Pacific Loon                |                 | 1    |      |     |     |     |      |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Common Loon                 |                 | 10   |      |     | 1   |     |      |     | 1   |  | 1               |     |     |     |     | 13    |
| Pied-billed Grebe           | 5               | 14   |      | 3   | 1   |     |      |     | 2   |  |                 | 1   | 4   | 4   |     | 34    |
| Eared Grebe                 |                 | 100  |      |     |     |     |      |     | 1   |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 101   |
| Western Grebe               |                 | 6    |      |     | 1   |     |      |     | 20  |  | 50              |     |     |     |     | 77    |
| Clark's Grebe               |                 | 1    |      |     |     |     |      |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Double-crested Cormorant    |                 |      |      |     |     |     |      |     | 6   |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 6     |
| Great Blue Heron            | 2               |      |      |     | 4   |     | 1    |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 7     |
| Snow Goose                  |                 |      | 2    |     |     |     |      |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| "White morph"               |                 |      | 2    |     |     |     |      |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     |     | (2)   |
| Canada Goose                | 50              | 78   | 3801 | 155 | 250 |     | 2535 |     | 414 |  | 74              | 32  | 97  | 590 | 268 | 8344  |
| Wood Duck                   |                 |      |      | 1   |     |     |      |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Gadwall                     | 12              | 27   | 10   | 24  | 8   |     |      |     |     |  | 100             |     | 54  | 29  |     | 264   |
| American Wigeon             | 200             | 84   | 8    | 50  |     |     |      |     |     |  | 1               |     | 134 | 27  |     | 504   |
| Mallard                     | 10              | 144  | 300  | 32  | 18  |     |      |     | 21  |  | 5               | 12  | 16  | 82  |     | 640   |
| Northern Shoveler           |                 | 5    | 100  | 3   | 30  |     |      |     | 15  |  |                 | 3   | 3   | 15  |     | 174   |
| Northern Pintail            | 9               | 1    | 15   |     |     |     |      |     |     |  |                 |     | 6   |     |     | 31    |
| Green-winged Teal           | 1               | 12   |      |     | 110 |     |      |     | 2   |  | 25              |     | 6   | 11  |     | 167   |
| Canvasback                  | 3               |      |      | 1   |     |     |      |     |     |  |                 |     | 31  |     |     | 35    |
| Redhead                     |                 |      |      | 35  |     |     |      |     |     |  |                 |     |     | 3   |     | 38    |
| Ring-necked Duck            | 300             | 15   |      | 10  |     |     |      |     |     |  |                 |     | 243 | 30  |     | 598   |
| Lesser Scaup                |                 |      |      | 1   |     |     |      |     |     |  | 15              |     |     |     |     | 16    |
| Surf Scoter                 |                 | 4    |      |     |     |     |      |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Bufflehead                  | 5               | 1814 | 3    | 6   | 8   |     |      |     |     |  |                 | 4   | 12  | 9   |     | 1861  |
| Common Goldeneye            |                 | 57   |      | 25  | 25  |     |      |     | 15  |  |                 | 22  |     | 3   |     | 147   |
| Barrow's Goldeneye          |                 | 2    |      |     |     |     |      |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Hooded Merganser            |                 |      |      | 50  |     |     |      |     | 10  |  |                 |     |     | 2   |     | 62    |
| Common Merganser            |                 | 2    |      |     | 50  |     |      |     | 315 |  |                 | 6   |     | 8   |     | 381   |
| Red-breasted Merganser      |                 | 1    |      |     |     |     |      |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Ruddy Duck                  |                 | 6    |      |     |     |     |      |     |     |  |                 | 1   |     |     |     | 7     |
| Eagle sp.                   |                 |      |      |     |     | 1   |      |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Bald Eagle                  |                 | 1    |      |     | 1   | 26  |      |     |     |  | 3               |     | 1   |     |     | 32    |
| Northern Harrier            |                 |      | 3    |     | 1   | 10  | 3    |     | 2   |  | 2               |     |     |     | 2   | 23    |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk          |                 |      |      |     |     |     | 1    |     |     |  |                 |     |     | 1   |     | 2     |
| Red-tailed Hawk             | 3               | 4    | 2    | 3   | 4   | 78  | 11   |     | 7   |  | 1               | 3   | 3   | 3   | 9   | 131   |
| western races               |                 |      |      |     |     |     |      |     | 7   |  |                 |     |     |     |     | (7)   |
| "Hartman's" race            |                 |      |      |     |     | 2   |      |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     | 1   | (3)   |
| Ferruginous Hawk            |                 |      | 1    |     |     | 15  |      |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 16    |
| Rough-legged Hawk           |                 | 1    |      |     |     | 2   | 5    |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 8     |
| buteo sp.                   |                 |      |      |     |     | 14  |      |     |     |  | 3               |     |     |     |     | 17    |
| Golden Eagle                |                 |      |      |     |     | 7   |      |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 7     |
| American Kestrel            | 3               |      | 2    | 1   | 2   | 29  | 6    |     | 3   |  | 1               | 2   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 54    |
| Prairie Falcon              |                 |      |      |     |     | 2   |      |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        |                 |      | 15   |     |     |     |      |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 15    |
| Wild Turkey                 |                 |      |      |     |     |     | 48   |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     |     | 48    |

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

## DFO Field Trip Summary Table November 2004, continued

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|                             | 6<br>WAL        | 7<br>SCO | 13<br>BAR | 14<br>WHE | 20<br>CHA | 21<br>BOU | 26<br>COL | 27<br>AUD | 28<br>CHE | 2<br>CHA        | 9<br>BEA | 16<br>WAL | 23<br>SOU | 30<br>DEN |       |
| Virginia Rail               | 1               |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2         |                 |          | 4         |           |           | 7     |
| American Coot               | 8               | 353      |           | 28        |           |           |           |           | 22        | 25              |          | 12        | 30        |           | 478   |
| Killdeer                    | 2               |          |           |           | 6         |           |           |           | 2         | 8               |          |           |           |           | 18    |
| Wilson's Snipe              |                 | 1        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1     |
| Bonaparte's Gull            |                 |          |           |           | 15        |           |           |           | 3         |                 |          |           |           |           | 18    |
| Ring-billed Gull            | 200             | 6        | 4         | 63        | 50        |           | 4         |           | 140       |                 | 4        | 142       | 2         |           | 615   |
| California Gull             |                 | 10       |           |           | 1         |           |           |           | 9         |                 |          |           |           |           | 20    |
| Herring Gull                |                 | 1        |           |           | 1         |           |           |           | 52        | 1               |          |           |           |           | 55    |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull    |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |                 |          |           |           |           | 1     |
| gull sp.                    |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 10              |          |           | 1         |           | 11    |
| Rock Pigeon                 |                 | 3        |           | 64        | 6         |           | 150       |           |           |                 | 1        | 11        |           | 4         | 239   |
| Eurasian Collared-dove      |                 |          |           |           |           |           | 16        |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 16    |
| Mourning Dove               |                 |          |           | 5         |           |           |           |           |           | 1               |          | 2         | 8         | 6         | 22    |
| Great Horned Owl            |                 |          | 2         |           | 1         |           |           |           | 1         | 2               |          |           |           |           | 6     |
| Belted Kingfisher           | 4               |          |           | 2         | 2         |           |           |           | 2         | 1               | 1        | 5         | 2         |           | 19    |
| Downy Woodpecker            |                 | 1        | 3         | 2         | 2         |           |           |           |           |                 |          | 1         |           |           | 9     |
| "eastern" race              |                 |          | 3         |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | (3)   |
| Hairy Woodpecker            |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 0     |
| Northern Flicker            | 5               | 1        | 3         | 5         | 15        |           | 5         |           | 8         | 6               | 4        | 6         | 6         | 6         | 70    |
| "Red-shafted" race          | (5)             | (1)      |           | (5)       |           |           |           |           | (8)       |                 |          |           |           |           | (19)  |
| Say's Phoebe                |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 1         | 1     |
| Northern Shrike             |                 | 1        | 1         |           | 1         |           |           |           | 2         | 1               | 1        |           |           |           | 7     |
| Gray Jay                    |                 | 2        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 2     |
| Steller's Jay               |                 | 2        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 2     |
| Blue Jay                    | 3               |          | 8         | 1         |           |           | 2         |           |           |                 |          | 2         |           |           | 16    |
| Western Scrub-Jay           |                 | 2        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 2     |
| Clark's Nutcracker          |                 | 9        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 9     |
| Black-billed Magpie         | 3               | 4        | 2         | 5         | 8         |           | 2         |           | 10        | 3               | 12       | 2         | 3         | 5         | 59    |
| American Crow               | 2               | 74       |           | 1         | 115       |           |           |           | 1         | 2               | 4        | 11        | 7         | 17        | 234   |
| Common Raven                |                 | 18       |           | 2         |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 1        | 2         |           |           | 23    |
| Horned Lark                 |                 | 2        |           |           | 10        |           | 300       |           |           | 6               |          |           |           |           | 318   |
| Black-capped Chickadee      |                 | 1        | 6         | 5         | 12        |           |           |           |           | 2               | 2        | 8         | 1         | 1         | 38    |
| Mountain Chickadee          |                 | 4        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 4     |
| Bushtit                     |                 | 30       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 30    |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch       |                 | 2        | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 3     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch     |                 | 1        |           | 2         | 4         |           |           |           |           |                 | 1        |           |           | 2         | 10    |
| Brown Creeper               | 2               |          | 3         |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |                 | 1        |           |           | 1         | 8     |
| Marsh Wren                  | 1               |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |                 |          | 1         |           |           | 3     |
| American Dipper             |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 2        |           |           |           | 2     |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet      |                 |          |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1     |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet        |                 |          |           | 2         | 1         |           | 1         |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 4     |
| Townsend's Solitaire        | 1               | 3        | 1         | 1         | 1         |           | 10        |           |           | 2               |          |           |           |           | 19    |
| American Robin              | 1               | 2        | 1         | 11        | 14        |           | 7         |           | 1         |                 |          | 1         |           |           | 38    |
| European Starling           | 30              | 63       | 6         | 62        | 200       |           | 135       |           | 36        |                 | 1        |           | 26        | 14        | 573   |
| American Pipit              |                 |          |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |           | 30              |          |           |           |           | 31    |

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## DFO Field Trip Summary Table November 2004, continued

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION                                                                                                | DFO FIELD TRIPS |                     |         |                |                    |     |            |     |      | TUESDAY BIRDERS        |        |                 |              |                      | TOTAL                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|-----|------------|-----|------|------------------------|--------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                            | 6               | 7                   | 13      | 14             | 20                 | 21  | 26         | 27  | 28   | 2                      | 9      | 16              | 23           | 30                   |                                          |
|                                                                                                                            | WAL             | SCO                 | BAR     | WHE            | CHA                | BOU | COL        | AUD | CHE  | CHA                    | BEA    | WAL             | SOU          | DEN                  |                                          |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler<br>"Audubon's" race                                                                                  |                 |                     |         | 2<br>(2)       |                    |     |            |     |      |                        |        |                 |              |                      | 2<br>(2)                                 |
| Spotted Towhee                                                                                                             |                 |                     |         | 1              |                    |     |            |     |      |                        |        |                 |              |                      | 1                                        |
| American Tree Sparrow                                                                                                      | 3               |                     | 4       |                | 25                 |     | 1          |     | 3    | 55                     |        | 1               | 1            | 2                    | 95                                       |
| Fox Sparrow                                                                                                                |                 |                     |         |                |                    |     |            |     |      |                        |        |                 |              | 1                    | 1                                        |
| Song Sparrow                                                                                                               | 8               |                     | 4       | 4              | 10                 |     |            |     | 5    | 4                      | 3      | 2               | 4            | 14                   | 58                                       |
| White-crowned Sparrow                                                                                                      | 5               |                     | 1       | 2              |                    |     |            |     |      |                        |        |                 |              | 2                    | 10                                       |
| Dark-eyed Junco<br>"White-winged" race<br>"Slate-colored" race<br>"Oregon" race<br>"Pink-sided" race<br>"Gray-headed" race | 2               | 5<br>(1)<br><br>(4) | 29<br>1 | 2<br><br><br>2 | 27<br>3<br>6<br>18 |     | 2<br><br>2 |     |      | 12<br>2<br>1<br>1<br>3 | 4<br>1 | 4<br><br>1<br>2 | 1<br><br>(1) | 20<br><br>1<br><br>1 | 108<br>(3)<br>(8)<br>(12)<br>(26)<br>(2) |
| Red-winged Blackbird                                                                                                       | 28              | 12                  | 200     | 20             |                    |     | 5          |     |      |                        | 7      | 4               | 4            | 109                  | 389                                      |
| Western Meadowlark                                                                                                         |                 | 1                   |         |                | 10                 |     | 13         |     | 1    | 3                      | 1      | 6               |              | 6                    | 41                                       |
| Brewer's Blackbird                                                                                                         | 1               |                     |         |                |                    |     |            |     |      |                        |        |                 |              |                      | 1                                        |
| Cassin's Finch                                                                                                             |                 | 2                   |         |                |                    |     |            |     |      |                        |        |                 |              |                      | 2                                        |
| House Finch                                                                                                                | 21              | 2                   | 8       | 23             | 10                 |     | 65         |     | 8    | 3                      | 24     | 12              | 21           | 26                   | 223                                      |
| American Goldfinch                                                                                                         | 6               |                     | 3       | 10             |                    |     |            |     |      |                        |        | 4               |              | 3                    | 26                                       |
| House Sparrow                                                                                                              |                 |                     | 15      | 6              |                    |     | 230        |     |      |                        | 4      |                 | 1            | 20                   | 276                                      |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS                                                                                                          | 940             | 3008                | 4567    | 731            | 1065               | 184 | 3558       | 0   | 1144 | 457                    | 166    | 854             | 937          | 541                  | 18,152                                   |
| TOTAL SPECIES                                                                                                              | 35              | 54                  | 34      | 42             | 45                 | 8   | 25         | 0   | 36   | 31                     | 30     | 36              | 31           | 24                   | 97                                       |

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## News Extras

## From the Colorado Ornithologists

## Christmas Bird Count Information

This year marks the 105th anniversary of the CBC. Find a CBC in your area, use this link:

<http://www.cfo-link.org/birding/cbc.php>

## From Audubon's Hot Issue of the Day

*"Moments after the November election results were announced, the calls for opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling began. Newspapers across the country ran stories saying the Bush Administration is eager to achieve things denied during its first term – including opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling. These stories even suggested there might be enough votes in the Senate to push the measure ahead."*

For more information, see the Audubon National web site at:

[www.capitolconnect.com/audubon/](http://www.capitolconnect.com/audubon/)

## Additional Reports, November 2004

| Species          | Dates    | #   | Location              | County   | Observers                |
|------------------|----------|-----|-----------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Pacific Loon     | 11/5-18  | 1-2 | Cherry Creek SP       | Arapahoe | Bob Brown                |
| Ross' Goose      | 11/18    | 1   | Cherry Creek SP       | Arapahoe | Bob Brown                |
| Greater Scaup    | 11/30    | 2   | Walker Pit, Franktown | Douglas  | Hugh & Urling Kingery    |
| Little Gull      | 11/12    | 1   | Pinery Lake           | Douglas  | Tim Davis, Veronica Holt |
| Bonapart Gull    | 11/12    | 3   | Pinery Lake           | Douglas  | Tim Davis, Veronica Holt |
| Bohemian Waxwing | 11/17    | unk | Franktown             | Douglas  | Hugh & Urling Kingery    |
| Black Rosy Finch | 11/20-22 | 1   | Elbert                | Elbert   | Jackie Dunn              |
| Common Redpoll   | 11/29    | 1   | Elbert                | Elbert   | Jackie Dunn              |
| Evening Grosbeak | 11/20    | 2   | Franktown             | Douglas  | Hugh & Urling Kingery    |

Colorado Birds Records Review Species are in bold type. A=Adult, I=Immature, M=Male, F=Female, S=Singing, Bas=Basic Plumage. Thank you birds for supporting our important additional reports.



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Thank you, we could not offer these programs without your generous support.

If the holiday rush is overwhelming - an easy New Year's Resolution would be to mail us your annual membership. Don't miss out on the 2005 Lark Bunting, all the entertaining and educational Feature Presentations and unique field trips.



# The DFO needs you!

This April, three key DFO volunteers are retiring, two Board members and our Treasurer, Glenn Hageman.

Tina Jones and Norm Erthal have volunteered to search for candidates for these vacancies that the Board must vote on this May. Please consider volunteering your time. If you are interested, call Tina 303 794-2647 ([tjcalliope@hotmail.com](mailto:tjcalliope@hotmail.com)) or Norm 303 424-6747 ([nerthal@comcast.net](mailto:nerthal@comcast.net)). The Treasurer job takes about an hour per month although the time increases to about two to three hours during November through January.

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## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings:** Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*, the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

## Membership Application

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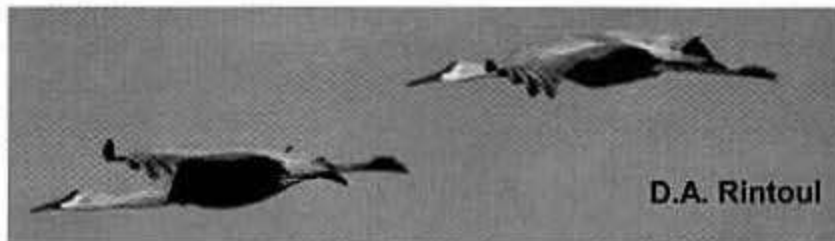
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February 2005

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**C**ranes are among the oldest living birds on the planet. Fossil records place cranes in Nebraska more than nine million years ago, long before there was a Platte River, which by comparison, is a youthful 10,000 years of age. Sandhill cranes have adapted well to the change in landscapes over time and their populations are healthy and continue to rise.



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Paul Tebbel of the Rowe Audubon Sanctuary, (<http://www.rowesanctuary.org>) will present his program on Sandhill Crane Behavior on Wednesday February 2 at 7.30 pm. A good precursor to Valentine's Day!

March's program will be presented by Bill Schmoker, a Boulder science teacher by trade, and a fabulous photographer and avid birder by passion. Bill will be telling the story of Whitey, a white Steller Jay.

*(Monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building.)*



## DFO Field Trips for February 2005

### Saturday, February 5

#### *Castlewood Canyon State Park and Kingery's Feeders*

**Leaders:** Hugh and Urling Kingery, 303-814-2723. Meet leaders at 0800 on Castlewood Canyon Road and Colorado Hwy. 86. Will bird the west section of Castlewood Canyon State Park then have lunch at the Kingery's place and watch their feeders. Bring lunch and a State Parks Pass. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members. Contact leaders for directions.

### Sunday, February 6

#### *Cherry Creek Reservoir*

**Leader:** Steve Kennedy, 303-690-8265. Meet leader at 0800 at the west entrance of park. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. past Cherry Creek High School. Half day trip. State Parks Pass required.

### Saturday, February 12

#### *Longmont Area*

**Leaders:** Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048. Meet leaders at 0830 at the Longmont Safeway. Bring

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## DFO Field Trips February 2005, continued

lunch for a ¾ day trip. Meet at the Safeway on the southeast corner of 17<sup>th</sup> and Pace. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Road, then north two miles to Jim Hamm Park at Hygiene Road, (17<sup>th</sup> Ave.) From Jim Hamm Park go one mile west to the Safeway parking lot. State Parks Pass required.

### Sunday, February 13

#### *South Platte Park*

**Leader:** Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072. Meet leader at 0830 for an easy hike to Lake Cooley which is ordinarily closed to the public. Meet at Carson Nature Center, north of Mineral Ave., 1 block west of S. Santa Fe Drive. Hike will end around noon but you can bring your lunch and sit at the Nature Center to enjoy the birds. This is an excellent trip for novice birders and new members. Should see lots of water fowl and possibly bald eagles.

### Saturday, February 19

#### *Chatfield State Park*

**Leader:** Ed Holub, 303-979-2194. Meet leader at 0730 inside the west entrance of the park off S. Wadsworth, 1 ½ miles south of C-470. Lunch optional, half day trip. State Parks Pass required.

### Sunday, February 20

#### *Bird Watching for the Novice*

**Leader:** Karlene Schofield, 303-936-8661. Meet leader at 0900 at the Belmar Historic Park, 800 South Wadsworth Blvd at West Ohio Ave. Turn west on Ohio Ave. and go two blocks straight ahead into Irongate parking lot and to the lake. Trip will end before noon so lunch is optional. This trip will be an easy hike on wheelchair accessible trails to study and learn about the various waterfowl that winter in the Denver area. Bring binoculars and field guide.

### Saturday, February 26

#### *South Platte Ramblings*

**Leader:** Buzz Schaumburg, 303-699-1721. Meet leader at E. 88<sup>th</sup> and the Platte River at 0830. From I-76 take E. 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. exit, go west on 88<sup>th</sup> for 1.6 miles then turn south at Colorado Blvd. Turn left again into the parking lot for the South Platte River Greenway Trailhead. This will be a half day trip so lunch is optional. Plan to see lots of waterfowl and raptors.

### Sunday, February 27

#### *Boulder County - Raptors*

**Leaders:** Wayne & Dianna Johnston, 303-682-5662. Meet leaders at 0900 at Park-n-Ride at Hwy 287 & Niwot Road. From I-25 take exit #235 (Hwy 52). Turn left at exit heading west on Hwy 52, go 6.8 miles to Hwy 287. Turn right (north) on Hwy 287 and go 0.7 miles then turn left on Niwot Rd. This will be a driving tour of Boulder County/Longmont area looking for raptors. Three-quarter day trip, bring lunch.

**Scheduled by Jackie King and Compiled by Cris Cook**

- Some Christmas Count Information is available on the Audubon Web Site at: [http://cbe.audubon.org/cbccurrent/current\\_table.html](http://cbe.audubon.org/cbccurrent/current_table.html). The Lark Bunting will include some Christmas Count information in the March issue.
- For those Lark Bunting collectors out there, please note that the January issue was incorrectly labeled Volume 11, this year—2005, is Volume 40.

## DFO Field Trip Summaries December 2004

### December 4, Saturday *Guanella Pass (GUA)*

**Leader(s):** Nathan Pieplow. **Observers:** Allison Hilt, Randy Lentz, Neil Bachman, Peggy Hankins, Gene Ellis, Bob Shade, Gordon Hodgson, Jan Ormes, Janet and David Johnston, Diane Luck. **Totals:** 8 species, 67 individuals.

### December 5, Sunday *Platte River (PLA)*

Trip info not available at time of printing.

### December 12, Sunday *Special Christmas Bird Count (SPE)*

**Leaders:** Mike Foster. **Observers:** Tina Jones, Patty Echelmeyer, Bob Flemming, Don and Diana Mullineaux, Jay Reed, Bob Richter, Warren Roske, Patti O'Neill, Leslie Gerard, Paul Slingsby, Jim Duggan, Bill Eden, Bob Hutchison, Sue Schulman, Bud Weir. **Areas Covered:** Coors Ponds, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Chimney Gulch, South Table Mountain, North Table Mountain, Lookout Mountain. **Totals:** 51 species, 2092 individuals.

### Tuesday Birders

### December 7 *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WHE)*

**Leader(s):** Else Van Erp and Judy Miller. **Observers:** 40 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 3½ miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, elevation 5386'. **Weather:** Sunny, 30-56°F, southwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 42 species, 993 individuals.

## Additional Reports, December 2004

| Species                  | Dates    | #                  | Location            | County    | Observers                                                                        |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thayer's Gull            | 12/16    | up to 2<br>1st yr. | Cherry Creek SP     | Arapahoe  | Bob Brown                                                                        |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull |          | up to 3a           | Cherry Creek SP     | Arapahoe  | Bob Brown                                                                        |
| Glaucous Gull            | 12/27    | 1a                 | Cherry Creek SP     | Arapahoe  | Bob Brown                                                                        |
| Black-legged Kittiwake   | 12/1     | 1a                 | Chatfield Reservoir | Jefferson | Kellner, Joey                                                                    |
| Costa's Hummingbird      | 12/7     | 1af                | Clifton             | Mesa      | Paul Differding, Joey Kellner, Dick Schottler,<br>Glenn Walbek                   |
| Northern Mockingbird     | 12/14    | 1                  | Chico Basin Ranch   | El Paso   | Allison Hilt, Joey Kellner, Brandon Perovich, Mark<br>Peterson, Trish Schumacher |
| Bohemian Waxwing         | 12/2-5   | 110                | Chatfield Reservoir | Douglas   | Glenn Walbek (finder), Joey Kellner, Dick<br>Schottler                           |
| Bohemian Waxwing         | 12/24-25 | more than<br>80    | Highlands Ranch     | Douglas   | Bob Brown                                                                        |
| Northern Cardinal        | 12/23    | 1m                 | Bonny Reservoir     | Yuma      | Allison Hilt, Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek, Loch<br>Kilpatrick                     |

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|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--|--|--|--|-----------------|--|--|--|-------|
|                             | 4   | 5   | 12  |  |  |  |  | 7               |  |  |  |       |
|                             | GUA | PLA | SPE |  |  |  |  | WHE             |  |  |  |       |
| Pied-billed Grebe           |     |     | 1   |  |  |  |  | 1               |  |  |  | 2     |
| Canada Goose                |     |     | 800 |  |  |  |  | 300             |  |  |  | 1100  |
| Goose sp                    |     |     | 156 |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 156   |
| Trumpeter Swan              |     |     | 1   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 1     |
| Wood Duck                   |     |     |     |  |  |  |  | 1               |  |  |  | 1     |
| Gadwall                     |     |     |     |  |  |  |  | 30              |  |  |  | 30    |
| American Wigeon             |     |     | 12  |  |  |  |  | 10              |  |  |  | 22    |
| Mallard                     |     |     | 66  |  |  |  |  | 85              |  |  |  | 151   |
| Northern Shoveler           |     |     | 4   |  |  |  |  | 6               |  |  |  | 10    |
| Green-winged Teal           |     |     |     |  |  |  |  | 6               |  |  |  | 6     |
| Canvasback                  |     |     | 2   |  |  |  |  | 3               |  |  |  | 5     |
| Redhead                     |     |     | 6   |  |  |  |  | 1               |  |  |  | 7     |
| Ring-necked Duck            |     |     | 62  |  |  |  |  | 160             |  |  |  | 222   |
| Greater Scaup               |     |     | 5   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 5     |
| Lesser Scaup                |     |     | 15  |  |  |  |  | 4               |  |  |  | 19    |
| Bufflehead                  |     |     | 20  |  |  |  |  | 3               |  |  |  | 23    |
| Common Goldeneye            |     |     | 64  |  |  |  |  | 75              |  |  |  | 139   |
| Hooded Merganser            |     |     | 45  |  |  |  |  | 6               |  |  |  | 51    |
| Common Merganser            |     |     | 43  |  |  |  |  | 7               |  |  |  | 50    |
| Red-breasted Merganser      |     |     | 44  |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 44    |
| Ruddy Duck                  |     |     | 2   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 2     |
| Bald Eagle                  |     |     | 1   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 1     |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk          |     |     | 1   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 1     |
| Cooper's Hawk               |     |     |     |  |  |  |  | 1               |  |  |  | 1     |
| Red-tailed Hawk             |     |     | 7   |  |  |  |  | 1               |  |  |  | 8     |
| American Kestrel            |     |     | 6   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 6     |
| White-tailed Ptarmigan      | 36  |     |     |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 36    |
| American Coot               |     |     | 24  |  |  |  |  | 40              |  |  |  | 64    |
| Killdeer                    |     |     |     |  |  |  |  | 1               |  |  |  | 1     |
| Ring-billed Gull            |     |     | 40  |  |  |  |  | 106             |  |  |  | 146   |
| Rock Pigeon                 |     |     | 100 |  |  |  |  | 1               |  |  |  | 101   |
| Mourning Dove               |     |     | 24  |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 24    |
| Great Horned Owl            |     |     | 1   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 1     |
| Belted Kingfisher           |     |     | 4   |  |  |  |  | 5               |  |  |  | 9     |
| Downy Woodpecker            |     |     | 2   |  |  |  |  | 4               |  |  |  | 6     |
| Northern Flicker            |     |     | 29  |  |  |  |  | 8               |  |  |  | 37    |
| Northern Shrike             | 1   |     | 1   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 2     |
| Gray Jay                    | 12  |     |     |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 12    |
| Steller's Jay               | 4   |     | 7   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 11    |
| Blue Jay                    |     |     | 1   |  |  |  |  | 3               |  |  |  | 4     |
| Western Scrub-Jay           |     |     | 2   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 2     |
| Black-billed Magpie         |     |     | 26  |  |  |  |  | 6               |  |  |  | 32    |
| American Crow               |     |     | 16  |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 16    |
| Common Raven                | 5   |     | 2   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 7     |
| Horned Lark                 |     |     | 6   |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |  | 6     |

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## Field Trip Summary Table November 2004, continued

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION |           |          |             |          |          |          |          |          | TUESDAY BIRDERS |          |          |          | TOTAL        |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
|                             | 4<br>GUA  | 5<br>PLA | 12<br>SPE   |          |          |          |          |          | 7<br>WHE        |          |          |          |              |
| Black-capped Chickadee      | 2         |          | 15          |          |          |          |          |          | 10              |          |          |          | 27           |
| White-breasted Nuthatch     |           |          |             |          |          |          |          |          | 3               |          |          |          | 3            |
| Pygmy Nuthatch              |           |          |             |          |          |          |          |          | 1               |          |          |          | 1            |
| Brown Creeper               |           |          |             |          |          |          |          |          | 3               |          |          |          | 3            |
| Canyon Wren                 |           |          | 1           |          |          |          |          |          |                 |          |          |          | 1            |
| American Dipper             | 1         |          |             |          |          |          |          |          | 1               |          |          |          | 2            |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet        |           |          |             |          |          |          |          |          | 2               |          |          |          | 2            |
| Townsend's Solitaire        |           |          | 2           |          |          |          |          |          |                 |          |          |          | 2            |
| American Robin              |           |          | 4           |          |          |          |          |          | 6               |          |          |          | 10           |
| European Starling           |           |          | 120         |          |          |          |          |          | 40              |          |          |          | 160          |
| Spotted Towhee              |           |          | 1           |          |          |          |          |          |                 |          |          |          | 1            |
| American Tree Sparrow       |           |          |             |          |          |          |          |          | 1               |          |          |          | 1            |
| Song Sparrow                |           |          | 11          |          |          |          |          |          | 7               |          |          |          | 18           |
| White-crowned Sparrow       |           |          | 6           |          |          |          |          |          | 1               |          |          |          | 7            |
| Dark-eyed Junco             |           |          | 71          |          |          |          |          |          | 20              |          |          |          | 91           |
| "Slate-colored" race        |           |          |             |          |          |          |          |          | 1               |          |          |          | (1)          |
| "Oregon" race               |           |          |             |          |          |          |          |          | 1               |          |          |          | (1)          |
| Red-winged Blackbird        |           |          | 4           |          |          |          |          |          |                 |          |          |          | 4            |
| Pine Grosbeak               | 6         |          |             |          |          |          |          |          |                 |          |          |          | 6            |
| House Finch                 |           |          | 168         |          |          |          |          |          | 17              |          |          |          | 185          |
| American Goldfinch          |           |          | 1           |          |          |          |          |          | 3               |          |          |          | 4            |
| House Sparrow               |           |          | 40          |          |          |          |          |          | 4               |          |          |          | 44           |
| <b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>    | <b>67</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2092</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>993</b>      | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>3,152</b> |
| <b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>        | <b>8</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>51</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>42</b>       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>66</b>    |

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## Bird Coloration & the Fascinating Case of Whitey, the Steller Jay

March's program (Wednesday 2 at 7.30pm) will be presented by Bill Schmoker, a Boulder science teacher by trade, and a fabulous photographer and avid birder by passion. Bill will tell the story of Whitey, a Steller Jay who occupies his own page on Bill's web site <http://www.schmoker.org/BirdPics>.

Why did a normal-appearing adult Steller Jay suddenly turn white—what gives bird feathers their colors, anyway? Learn about bird coloration and a previously undocumented plumage aberration, tentatively termed "acquired albinism."

The April 6th program will be presented by Ted Floyd, editor of Birding Magazine. Ted will give a talk on "The Future of Birding", which will prove to be a provocative and colorful presentation by a very avid and colorful birder himself. Most of you are familiar with Ted's style and eloquence—he is always a delight to hear.

(Monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building.)



## DFO Field Trips for March 2005

Saturday, March 5 *South Platte at 88th Avenue*

Leader: Mike Foster (303) 456-2647

Meet leader at 0830 at the parking lot at 88th Ave and Colorado Blvd. Half day trip along easy paved path to find the last of the ducks and the first of the spring migrants.

Sunday, March 6 *Barr Lake State Park*

Leader: Dick Schottler (303) 278-8035

Meet leader at 0700 at main park entrance. Half day trip; lunch optional.

Saturday March 12 *Longmont/Loveland Area*

Leader: Doug Faulkner (303) 458-5802

Meet leader at 0900 at entrance to Barbour Ponds State Park (aka St. Vrain State Park). The park is off I-25, exit 240. This will be a three-quarter day trip looking primarily for waterfowl and gulls; bring lunch

Sunday March 13 *Big Dry Creek Open Space*

Leader: Meredith Anderson (303) 280-8576

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## DFO Field Trips March 2005, continued

Meet leader at 0800 at Front Range Community College parking lot (west side of lot); 112<sup>th</sup> between Sheridan and Federal. Half-day trip; lunch optional.

Saturday March 19 *Red Rocks Park, Mt. Falcon Park, and Lair O' The Bear*

Leader: Norm Lewis (303) 988-5544

Meet leader at 0800 at Red Rocks Trading Post parking area. Half to three-quarter day trip; bring lunch.

Sunday March 20 *Cherry Creek State Park*

Leader: Mary Burger (303) 424-2193

Meet leader at 0800 at west park entrance. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. State Parks Pass required. Half to three-quarter day trip. Bring lunch.

Saturday March 26 *Colorado Springs Area/Fountain Creek*

Leader: Mark Peterson; Call Allison Hilf (303) 888-5110 for more information.

Meet leader at 0800 at Fountain Creek Regional Park Nature Center, exit 132 off I-25, then east on Highway 16, take Security exit to Highway 85/87, continue south on 85/87, then right on Cattail Marsh Road to Nature Center parking area. Half to three-quarter day trip; bring lunch.

Sunday March 27 *Nebraska Greater Prairie Chicken Lek (Near Kearney, Nebraska)*

Leader: Allison Hilf (303) 888-5110; [ahilf@aol.com](mailto:ahilf@aol.com)

Call or e-mail leader for meeting time. We will meet at the Country Inn and Suites in Kearney, Nebraska. Leader will already be in Kearney, so carpooling is up to individuals. These birds are visible from your vehicle without binoculars and are a real treat to watch. Afterwards, we will go out for a warm breakfast and then tour the Gibbon area for Sandhill Cranes. If we are lucky, we will find some huge flocks of kettling Sandhill Cranes preparing for their journey North. The number of trip participants is limited, so call in advance.

Scheduled by Allison Hilf and Meredith Anderson

### One Day Raptor Photography Workshop

by W. Perry Conway

Perry Conway, of Louisville, is offering Denver Field Ornithologist members the opportunity to participate in a dawn to dusk, one day Raptor Photography Workshop. Perry is a nationally known wildlife photographer, excellent biologist, and a highly respected educator. In addition, he leads photo expeditions for Joseph Van Os to such exotic places as East Africa and Antarctica.

The workshop will occur on a Saturday or Sunday in October or early November of 2005. Participants will have the opportunity to photograph 7 to 9 raptor species (Golden and Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcon, Snowy Owl and 3 other owls, etc.), most owned by HawkQuest, in natural settings in the Boulder area.

The workshop is set up for a 300 mm lens, film or digital, with a minimum of 10 and maximum group size of 14 DFO members.

If you are interested or have questions, please call Chris Blakeslee at (303) 694-4670.



## DFO Field Trip Summaries January 2005

January 2, Sunday                      *Douglas County Christmas County (DOU)*  
Totals: 55 species, 7870 individuals.

January 8, Saturday                      *South Platte Rive, Florida to Mineral Aves (SOU)*  
Leader(s): JB Hayes. Observers: Mary Burger, Alison Donnelly, Peggy Gonder, Ellie Jones, Bob Rohwedder, Buzz Schaumburg, Mike Serruto. Time: 0900-1330. Distance: 9 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, ponds, grasslands. Weather: Overcast, 43-47°F, south wind, 5-10 mph. Totals: 38 species, 1381 individuals.

January 9, Sunday                      *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*  
Leader(s): Lea Ann and Bob Brown. Observers: Mary Burger, Leslie Gerard, Ted Pinkert. Time: 0800-1115. Distance: 15 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Mixed riparian, mostly frozen, little open water, elevation 5350'. Weather: Clear, windy, 30-50°F, southwest wind, 15-20 mph. Totals: 26 species, 924 individuals.

January 15, Saturday                      *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*  
Leader(s): Ed Holub. Observers: Randy Lentz, Mike Serruto. Time: 0730-1230. Distance: 21 miles by car, 2.1 miles on foot. Habitat: Lake, river riparian, elevation 5800'. Weather: Overcast turning sunny, 10-38°F, east wind, 0-3 mph. Totals: 25 species, 1234 individuals.

January 16, Sunday                      *Boulder County Winter Raptor Run (BOU)*  
Leader(s): Wayne and Dianna Johnston. Observers: Larry and Roni Wilson, Howard Golden, Dick Pratt, Kathanne Lynch, Peter Spamberger, Ivan Getting, Janet Kilbride, Peter Fretchel. Distance: 88 miles by car. Totals: 10 species, 184 individuals.

January 22, Saturday                      *88<sup>th</sup> and the South Platte (88th)*  
Leader: Peggy Gonder. Observers Bob Rohwedder, Lauren Hyde, Jennifer Maramonte, Marcia Millikan, Mike Serruto. Distance 4 miles by foot. Weather, overcast wind 5-10 mph. Habitat - Riparian, wooded areas, sandy beaches. Totals 29 species; 775 individuals

January 23, Sunday                      *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt - Prospect Park (WHE)*  
Leader(s): Mike Foster. Observers: Peggy Durham, Bill Eden, Ivan Getting, Barb Montgomery, Patti O'Neill, Sylvia Robertson, Bob Rohwedder. Time: 0830-1130. Distance: 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Lowland riparian, urban park. Weather: Clear, warm. Totals: 28 species, 527 individuals.

January 29, Saturday                      *St Vrain and South Platte Rivers (STV)*  
Leader(s): Dick Pratt. Observers: Wayne and Diane Johnston, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Bob Shade, Mike Serruto, Trudy, Wayne, Larry and Roni Wilson. Time: 0900-1615. Distance: 65 miles by car. Habitat: Riparian and agriculture fields, elevation 4500-5000'. Weather: Cloudy, 30-40°F, no wind. Totals: 49 species, 14764 individuals.

January 30, Saturday                      *Pueblo Area (PUE)*, Cancelled due to inclement weather.

### Tuesday Birders

January 4, No trip scheduled

January 11                      *Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield (DEN)*  
Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. Observers: 34 (two groups). Time: 0845-1130. Distance: 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, ponds, cottonwood, willow, cattails, juniper, open fields, elevation 5500'. Weather: Foggy and overcast, 34-36°F, northeastern wind, 0-3 mph. Totals: 20 species, 733 individuals.

## Field Trip Summaries January 2005, continued

January 18

South Platte Park (SOU)

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 37 (two groups). Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Gravel ponds, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, bicycle trail, elevation 5600'. Weather: Partly cloudy, 43-59°F, wind calm. Totals: 36 species, 1060 individuals.

January 25

South Platte River and 88<sup>th</sup> (88th)

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 33 (two groups). Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, cottonwood, willow, agricultural, bicycle trail, elevation 5200'. Weather: Sunny with high clouds, 42-57°F, northwest wind, 0-5 mph. Totals: 29 species, 634 individuals.

### Identification of Canada and Cackling Goose, by David Allen Sibley

The Lark Bunting has summarized a small portion of what Sibley refers to as a draft, the full text of his (draft) thinking can be found at [http://www.sibleyguides.com/canada\\_cackling.htm](http://www.sibleyguides.com/canada_cackling.htm)

One of the most significant changes for birders in the 45th supplement of the AOU checklist (Banks et al 2004) was the split of Canada Goose into two species. While widely anticipated - the highly variable Canada Goose has often been considered more than one species in the past - the split has thrust a complex and poorly understood field identification problem into the forefront. I have tried to pull together some of the basic information about subspecies and variation to begin the approach to identification of these species.

What is the "Cackling Goose"?

First, to clear up some confusion about the names of the species and subspecies: The former broad Canada Goose has been divided into a large-bodied, interior- and southern-breeding species, and a small-bodied tundra-breeding subspecies. The large-bodied group is still known as Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) while the small-bodied group takes the name Cackling Goose (*Branta hutchinsii*). This means that the English name Cackling Goose, which has in the past been more or less restricted to the smallest subspecies (the far western *B. c. minima*) is now the species name for all four of the small subspecies. This new species takes the scientific name of the earliest-named subspecies and becomes *Branta hutchinsii*.

When reading published accounts of subspecies, it is important to bear in mind that in the confusing history of the taxonomy of Canada Geese, the subspecies have been grouped and named in various ways. Names such as *leucopareia* (which is now restricted to the Aleutian population) have been applied to much broader groups in the past. The names attached to individual specimens in past decades might not be the same names that would be used in the current subspecific arrangement - beware.

#### Identification Tips

- Watch for subflocks - Within any flock of geese one can find family groups and other subflocks sticking close together. Watching for these groups can aid identification by highlighting birds that are traveling together, presumably from the same nesting area and quite possibly related. In these cases it might be possible to identify the male (larger and more alert) the female, and the young of a family group, and once the age and sex is known impressions of size and color are somewhat more meaningful. Identifying a flock will usually be easier than identifying an individual bird.
- It is possible for two people to look at the same flock of geese and come away with very different impressions of the "average" appearance of those geese. It is too easy to look at a flock, pick out a few darker or paler birds, and say "Yes, this subspecies is normally darker/paler than others", while another observer could come away with the opposite impression, guided by preconceptions or just by random chance. Even if the conclusion is accurate - "this subspecies averages darker" - that observation is of little use without more information on the range of variation and the percentage of birds that do not match the average. Such "average" statements are particularly useless when we are confronted by a solitary odd goose.

#### Bill size

Actual and proportional bill length may be the single most useful feature to study when trying to identify Canada and Cackling. In general the smaller subspecies have shorter, stubbier, proportionally smaller bills, while the larger subspecies have longer, proportionally larger bills. Unfortunately there seems to be overlap between the smaller populations of Canada Goose and larger subspecies of Cackling Goose.

## Field Trip Summary Table January 2005

| SPECIES                   |     |     |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |  |     |     |      |     | TOTAL |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|--|-----|-----|------|-----|-------|
| DATE                      | 2   | 8   | 9   | 15   | 16  | 22   | 23  | 29   | 30  |  | 4   | 11  | 18   | 25  |       |
| LOCATION                  | DOU | SOU | CHE | CHA  | BOU | 88TH | WHE | STV  | PUE |  | DEN | SOU | 88TH |     |       |
| Pied-billed Grebe         |     | 1   |     |      |     | 1    | 2   | 1    |     |  |     |     | 2    |     | 7     |
| Great Blue Heron          | 1   | 1   |     |      |     | 1    |     | 33   |     |  |     |     | 2    | 1   | 39    |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron |     | 2   |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |  |     |     | 1    |     | 3     |
| Cackling Goose            |     |     | 3   |      |     |      |     |      |     |  |     |     |      |     | 3     |
| Canada Goose              | 638 | 565 | 450 | 1000 |     | 100  | 100 | 3500 |     |  | 80  | 273 | 95   |     | 6801  |
| Gadwall                   |     | 37  |     |      |     | 16   | 30  | 10   |     |  |     |     | 158  | 76  | 327   |
| American Wigeon           | 1   | 8   |     | 2    |     | 40   | 31  | 8    |     |  |     |     | 4    | 4   | 98    |
| Mallard                   | 100 | 45  | 12  | 85   |     | 18   | 29  | 450  |     |  |     |     | 178  | 14  | 931   |
| Northern Shoveler         | 1   | 40  | 7   |      |     | 250  | 35  |      |     |  |     |     | 147  | 124 | 604   |
| Northern Pintail          |     | 2   |     | 6    |     | 20   |     | 1    |     |  |     |     |      | 3   | 32    |
| Green-winged Teal         |     | 28  |     |      |     | 15   | 2   | 6    |     |  |     |     | 14   | 82  | 147   |
| Redhead                   |     |     |     |      |     |      | 6   |      |     |  |     |     |      |     | 6     |
| Ring-necked Duck          |     | 4   |     |      |     |      | 4   | 12   |     |  |     |     | 9    | 8   | 37    |
| Lesser Scaup              |     | 2   |     |      |     |      | 3   |      |     |  |     |     | 15   |     | 20    |
| Bufflehead                |     | 30  |     |      |     | 5    |     |      |     |  |     |     | 36   |     | 71    |
| Common Goldeneye          | 2   | 25  |     | 2    |     | 50   | 16  | 4    |     |  |     |     | 16   | 21  | 136   |
| Hooded Merganser          |     | 18  | 4   |      |     | 4    | 14  |      |     |  |     |     |      |     | 40    |
| Common Merganser          |     | 12  | 250 | 7    |     |      | 59  | 2    |     |  |     |     | 5    | 1   | 336   |
| Red-breasted Merganser    |     |     |     |      |     |      | 2   |      |     |  |     |     |      |     | 2     |
| Ruddy Duck                |     |     | 1   |      |     |      |     |      |     |  |     |     |      |     | 1     |
| Bald Eagle                |     | 4   | 7   | 1    | 36  |      | 1   | 19   |     |  |     |     | 2    |     | 70    |
| Northern Harrier          |     |     |     | 1    | 14  |      |     | 6    |     |  |     |     |      | 1   | 22    |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk        |     | 1   |     |      |     |      |     | 1    |     |  |     |     | 1    |     | 3     |
| Cooper's Hawk             | 2   |     |     |      |     |      |     | 1    |     |  |     |     |      |     | 3     |
| Red-tailed Hawk           | 49  | 3   | 7   | 4    | 74  | 1    |     | 31   |     |  | 4   | 4   | 1    |     | 178   |
| western races             |     | (1) |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |  |     |     |      |     | (1)   |
| "Harlan's" race           |     |     |     |      | 2   |      |     | 1    |     |  |     |     |      |     | (3)   |
| "Krieger's" race          |     |     |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |  |     |     |      |     | (0)   |
| Ferruginous Hawk          |     |     |     |      | 11  |      |     | 14   |     |  |     |     |      |     | 25    |
| Rough-legged Hawk         | 11  |     |     |      | 1   |      |     | 2    |     |  |     |     | 1    |     | 15    |
| buteo sp.                 | 1   |     |     |      | 6   |      |     |      |     |  |     |     |      |     | 7     |
| Golden Eagle              | 4   |     |     |      | 3   |      |     | 2    |     |  | 1   |     |      |     | 10    |
| American Kestrel          | 24  | 1   | 1   | 3    | 35  | 5    |     | 14   |     |  |     |     | 2    | 5   | 90    |
| Merlin                    | 2   |     |     |      | 1   |      |     | 2    |     |  |     |     |      |     | 5     |
| Prairie Falcon            | 5   |     |     |      | 2   |      |     | 2    |     |  |     |     |      |     | 9     |
| Wild Turkey               | 105 |     |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |  |     |     |      |     | 105   |
| Virginia Rail             |     |     | 1   |      |     |      |     |      |     |  |     |     |      |     | 1     |
| American Coot             |     | 5   | 4   |      |     |      | 45  | 2    |     |  |     |     |      |     | 56    |
| Sandhill Crane            |     |     |     |      |     |      |     | 1    |     |  |     |     |      |     | 1     |
| Killdeer                  |     | 3   |     | 2    |     | 4    |     | 10   |     |  |     |     | 3    | 18  | 40    |
| Wilson's Snipe            |     |     |     |      |     |      |     | 4    |     |  |     |     |      |     | 4     |

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| DATE                    | DOU  | SQU | CHE | CHA | BQU | 88TH | WHE | STV   | PUE | DEN | SQU | 88TH |    |       |
| Ring-billed Gull        | 6    | 170 | 30  |     |     | 90   | 81  | 25    |     |     | 7   | 37   |    | 446   |
| Herring Gull            |      | 11  | 5   |     |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |      |    | 16    |
| Thayer's Gull           |      | 4   |     |     |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |      |    | 4     |
| gull sp.                |      |     |     |     |     |      |     |       |     | 2   |     |      |    | 2     |
| Rock Pigeon             | 445  | 65  | 20  |     |     | 30   | 17  | 40    |     | 8   |     | 70   |    | 695   |
| Eurasian Collared-dove  |      |     |     |     |     |      |     | 50    |     |     |     |      |    | 50    |
| Mourning Dove           | 2    |     |     |     |     |      | 10  |       |     |     | 1   |      |    | 13    |
| Barn Owl                | 1    |     |     |     |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |      |    | 1     |
| Great Horned Owl        | 14   |     | 1   |     | 1   |      |     | 2     |     | 1   |     |      |    | 19    |
| Belted Kingfisher       | 3    | 5   |     | 2   |     | 2    | 1   | 3     |     | 1   | 3   | 2    |    | 22    |
| Downy Woodpecker        | 36   | 1   |     |     |     |      | 2   | 2     |     | 3   | 3   |      |    | 47    |
| Hairy Woodpecker        | 14   |     |     |     |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |      |    | 14    |
| Northern Flicker        | 90   | 1   | 3   | 3   |     | 2    | 5   | 3     |     | 8   | 6   | 1    |    | 122   |
| Northern Shrike         |      |     |     | 1   |     | 1    |     | 2     |     |     |     |      |    | 4     |
| Steller's Jay           | 155  |     |     |     |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |      |    | 155   |
| Blue Jay                | 45   |     |     |     |     |      |     | 2     |     |     |     |      |    | 47    |
| Western Scrub-Jay       | 403  |     |     |     |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |      |    | 403   |
| Black-billed Magpie     | 302  |     | 7   | 10  |     | 2    | 1   | 6     |     | 5   | 2   | 9    |    | 344   |
| American Crow           | 1511 | 16  | 12  | 8   |     | 2    |     |       |     | 55  | 2   |      |    | 1606  |
| Common Raven            | 103  | 1   |     |     |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |      |    | 104   |
| Horned Lark             | 7    |     |     | 20  |     |      |     | 20    |     |     |     |      |    | 47    |
| Black-capped Chickadee  | 396  | 3   | 1   | 15  |     |      | 2   | 1     |     | 10  | 5   |      |    | 433   |
| Mountain Chickadee      | 196  |     |     |     |     |      |     |       |     | 2   |     |      |    | 198   |
| Bushtit                 | 25   |     |     |     |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |      |    | 25    |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch   | 40   |     |     |     |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |      |    | 40    |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | 103  |     | 1   | 2   |     |      |     |       |     | 1   |     |      |    | 107   |
| Pygmy Nuthatch          | 66   |     |     |     |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |      |    | 66    |
| Brown Creeper           | 11   |     |     |     |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |      |    | 11    |
| American Dipper         | 1    |     |     |     |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |      |    | 1     |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet    | 2    |     |     |     |     |      |     |       |     |     |     | 1    |    | 3     |
| Townsend's Solitaire    | 25   |     |     |     |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |      |    | 25    |
| American Robin          | 15   | 1   |     | 1   |     |      |     | 2     |     |     | 1   | 2    |    | 22    |
| European Starling       | 352  | 215 | 8   | 1   |     | 30   | 8   | 10000 |     | 15  | 8   | 12   |    | 10649 |
| American Pipit          |      | 1   |     |     |     |      |     |       |     |     | 1   | 22   |    | 24    |
| Spotted Towhee          | 28   |     |     |     |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |      |    | 28    |
| American Tree Sparrow   | 121  |     | 15  | 50  |     | 5    |     | 6     |     |     | 1   |      |    | 198   |
| spizella sp.            | 20   |     |     |     |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |      |    | 20    |
| Song Sparrow            | 36   | 4   | 3   | 4   |     | 20   | 5   | 2     |     | 1   | 5   | 3    |    | 83    |
| White-crowned Sparrow   |      |     |     |     |     | 10   |     | 20    |     | 4   |     | 1    |    | 35    |

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| DATE                    | DOU   | SQU  | CHE | CHA  | BOU | 88TH | WHE | STV   | PUE |   | DEN | SQU  | 88TH |        |
| Dark-eyed Junco         | 751   |      | 1   |      |     |      |     | 6     |     |   | 14  |      |      | 772    |
| "White-winged" race     | (26)  |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |   |     |      |      | (26)   |
| "Slate-colored" race    | (180) |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |   |     |      |      | (180)  |
| "Oregon" race           | (131) |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |   |     |      |      | (131)  |
| "Pink-sided" race       | (99)  |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |   | 10  |      |      | (109)  |
| "Gray-headed" race      | (134) |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |   |     |      |      | (134)  |
| junco race              | (181) |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |   |     |      |      | (181)  |
| Lapland Longspur        | 1     |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |   |     |      |      | 1      |
| Red-winged Blackbird    | 687   |      |     | 2    |     | 20   | 6   | 100   |     |   | 500 | 104  | 13   | 1432   |
| Western Meadowlark      |       |      |     |      |     | 29   |     |       |     |   |     |      |      | 29     |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird |       |      |     |      |     |      |     | 3     |     |   |     |      |      | 3      |
| Brewer's Blackbird      |       |      |     |      |     |      |     | 1     |     |   |     |      |      | 1      |
| Pine Grosbeak           | 1     |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |   |     |      |      | 1      |
| Cassin's Finch          | 64    |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |   |     |      |      | 64     |
| House Finch             | 443   | 12   | 70  | 2    |     |      | 10  | 30    |     |   | 18  | 19   | 1    | 605    |
| Pine Siskin             | 180   |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |   |     |      |      | 180    |
| American Goldfinch      | 65    |      |     |      |     | 1    |     |       |     |   |     |      |      | 66     |
| Evening Grosbeak        | 73    |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |   |     |      |      | 73     |
| House Sparrow           | 85    | 35   |     |      |     |      |     | 300   |     |   |     | 19   | 6    | 445    |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS       | 7870  | 1382 | 924 | 1234 | 184 | 774  | 527 | 14764 | 0   | 0 | 733 | 1060 | 634  | 30,086 |
| TOTAL SPECIES           | 55    | 38   | 26  | 25   | 10  | 0    | 28  | 49    | 0   | 0 | 19  | 36   | 29   | 86     |

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## Additional Reports, January 2005

| Species                                              | Dates   | #        | Location                  | County    | Observers         |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Greater Scaup                                        | 1/6     | 1        | Prospect/WRGB             | Jefferson | Bob Spencer       |
| White-winged Scoter                                  | 1/20    | 2        | Prospect Pond WRGB        | Jefferson | Bob Spencer       |
| Merlin                                               | 1/15    | 1m       | 4430 Gladiola Golden      | Jefferson | Bob Spencer       |
| Thayer's Gull                                        | 1/20    | 1am      | Cherry Creek Reservoir    | Arapahoe  | Bob Brown         |
| Glaucous Gull                                        | 1/26-28 | 1a 1juv  | Cherry Creek Reservoir    | Arapahoe  | Bob Brown         |
| Eastern Screech Owl                                  | 1/2&6   | 1        | Wheat Ridge Green Belt    | Jefferson | Bob Spencer       |
| Clark's Nutcracker                                   | 1/21    | 2        | Fawn Brook Inn Allenspark | Boulder   | Bob Spencer       |
| Bushtit                                              | 1/8     | 8        | Denver West Office Park   | Jefferson | Karleen Schofield |
| Bushtit                                              | 1/12    | 8        | Rawley Downs, Parker      | Douglas   | Tim Davis         |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet                               | 1/7-22  | 4-Jan    | Denver West Office Park   | Jefferson | Karleen Schofield |
| Bohemian Waxwing                                     | 1/2     | 3        | Wheat Ridge Green Belt    | Jefferson | Bob Spencer       |
| Bohemian Waxing                                      | 1/3-12  | up to 80 | Highlands Ranch           | Douglas   | Bob Brown         |
| Cedar Waxwing                                        | 1/2     | 30       | Wheat Ridge Green Belt    | Jefferson | Bob Spencer       |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler (combination Audubon & Myrtle) | 1/7-22  | 3-10     | Denver West Office Park   | Jefferson | Karleen Schofield |
| Pine Warbler                                         | 1/7-23  | 1am      | Denver West Office Park   | Jefferson | Karleen Schofield |
| Sage Sparrow                                         | 1/7     | 1        | Trading Post Red Rocks    | Jefferson | Bob Spencer       |
| Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch                              | 1/21    | 30+      | Fawn Brook Inn Allenspark | Boulder   | Bob Spencer       |
| Brown-capped Rosy-Finch                              | 1/21    | 100+     | Fawn Brook Inn Allenspark | Boulder   | Bob Spencer       |
| Mountain Bluebird                                    | 1/23    | 6        | East of town of Elbert    | Elbert    | Veronica Holt     |

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## DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

### GENERAL FUND

BALANCE, December 31, 2003 \$17,666.29

### RECEIPTS

#### 2004 Membership Dues

Received in 2003 \$ 4,540.00

Received in 2004 \$ 2,600.00

Total Dues \$ 7,140.00

Interest Earned 222.77

Colorado Bird Report \$ 510.00

Book Shop \$ 538.85

Tuesday Birders \$ 100.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 8,511.62

### DISBURSEMENTS

Printing/Mailing Lark Bunting \$ 6,756.82

Museum \$ 250.00

Book Shop (Patches-\$500.00\*) \$ 1,272.21

Liability Insurance (\$846/\$883\*) \$ 1,729.00

Meetings \$ 100.00

Awards \$ 48.51

Administrative \$ 106.54

Bird Trips & Counts \$ 42.26

DFO Brochures \$ 388.53

Garden Show \$ 148.50

Mutual Benefit Cards \$ 195.00

Scottish Twining \$ 303.40

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 11,340.77

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS \$ (2,829.15)

### ADJUSTMENTS

Membership Dues - Prior Year \$ (4,540.00)

Membership Dues - Next Year \$ 3,980.00

BALANCE, December 31, 2004 \$ 14,277.14

### EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

BALANCE, December 31, 2003 \$ 24,382.08

### RECEIPTS

Member Contributions \$ 352.00

Interest \$ 498.85

Total \$ 850.85

### DISBURSEMENTS

Grants \$ 600.00

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS \$ 250.85

BALANCE, December 31, 2004 \$24,632.93

2 yrs

### RESERVE FUND

No Change \$ 5,000.00

\*Extra Expenses This Year \$2,418.53

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Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc.,

**S**cheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct: Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, [delane@pcisys.net](mailto:delane@pcisys.net)

Feb, May, Aug, Nov includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, [cris@pcisys.net](mailto:cris@pcisys.net)

Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Alison Hilf [ahilf@aol.com](mailto:ahilf@aol.com) and Meredith Anderson, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, [kimmer815@aol.com](mailto:kimmer815@aol.com)

**! Reminder:** If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations.

## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings:** Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

### Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

**All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year**

**If paid after October 1st. If you would like to have the Lark Bunting emailed to you, please include your email address and check the box below.**

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## "The Future of Birding"

April 6, 2005 7.30pm.

The colorful editor of Birding Magazine, Ted Floyd, will be speaking on the "Future of Birding". Those who have heard Ted speak in the past know how eloquent and knowledgeable he is, always with a flair for the dramatic. His talk will be educational, entertaining and always stimulating. Be sure not to miss this one - it impacts all of us!

May program:

Our final program of the season will be presented by longtime DFO member Chris Blakeslee, now a retired elementary school teacher but always on a quest to learn. Chris will be sharing with us an adventure that he and his wife Sue enjoyed recently - a presentation entitled "An Amateur Naturalist's Wanderings in the Galapagos Islands". His slides will sure to whet your wanderlust!



Photograph by Glenn Walbek



## DFO Field Trips for April 2005

Saturday, April 2

*South Platte Park*

Leader: Dee DeJong (home 303-973-4934; work 303-730-1022)

Meet leader at 0800 on deck at Carson Nature Center, off intersection of Mineral and Santa Fe, just west of light-rail station. Short trip from 0800 to 1000. Leader is on park's staff, so she knows what may be where—leftover winter species and new arrivals.

Sunday, April 3

*Chatfield State Recreation Area*

Leader: Sue Schulman (303-773-3540)

Meet leader at 0730 at Swim Beach in park (from C-470, take Wadsworth south 1.5 miles). Bring lunch, water, parks pass, and scope, and be prepared for soggy areas (or snowy?). Hopefully, early migrants. Plan for ¾-day trip. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

Saturday, April 9

*Longmont Area*

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez (303-772-6048)

Meet at 0730 at the Longmont Safeway. Bring lunch for a ¾-day trip. Meet at southeast corner of 17<sup>th</sup> and Pace. From I-25, take Exit 240, and go west 4 miles on C-119 to Boulder-Weld Co. Line Rd., then north 2 miles to Jim

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## April 2005 Field Trips, continued

Hamm Park at Hygiene Rd (17<sup>th</sup> Ave.). From Jim Hamm Park, go 1 mile west to Safeway parking lot. State Parks Pass needed on this trip.

Sunday, April 10 *Barr Lake State Park*

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe (303-659-8069)

Meet leaders at 0800 at Nature Center in park. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Parks Pass needed. Migrating surprises! Lee and Marilyn know their way around and will have checked out recent sightings.

Saturday, April 16 *Walden Ponds*

Leader: Mike Foster (303-456-2647)

Meet leader at 0830 at Cottonwood Marsh parking lot. Take U.S. 36 or C-93 to Boulder, then turn right at Foothills Parkway. Go north 2 miles to Arapahoe Ave., then east to 75<sup>th</sup> St. (2.8 miles). Go north on 75<sup>th</sup> St. past Valmont Rd. and railroad tracks (2.2 miles). Turn left at Wildlife Habitat sign and follow road west and south to parking lot. Half-day (plus) trip. Bring lunch, water, and snack.

Sunday, April 17 *Wheat Ridge Green Belt*

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (303-233-4947)

Meet leader at 0800 at Prospect Lake parking lot. (In Wheat Ridge, off 44<sup>th</sup> Ave., between Robb and Quail Streets.) Half-day trip. Easy walking. Beginners welcome.

Saturday, April 23 *Rocky Mountain Arsenal*

Leader: David Rhoades (303-424-8633)

Space is limited for this popular trip, so register with leader early.

Saturday, April 23 *Welcome Home Vultures party, Castlewood Canyon State Park*

Leaders: Park volunteers (303-688-5242)

Come anytime between 0800 and 1400 (earlier is better!). Castlewood boasts the largest roost of Turkey Vultures in Colorado. Learn about their natural history and see them too. Park volunteers will set up scopes to view vultures close up and offer short birding hikes regularly during the day. West side: Meet at the central parking lots, west side of the park, 2 ½ miles south of C-86 on Castlewood Canyon Rd. (Douglas Co. 51). Alternative routes to west side are (a) ½ mile west of traffic light in Franktown (take Parker Rd/C-83 to Franktown, then right at traffic light, and left on Castlewood Canyon Rd.); (b) 10 miles east of I-25 Exit 184 (turn left at Exit 184 on Founders Parkway, about 4 miles to intersection with C-86, then left on C-86, 4.5 miles to Castlewood Canyon Rd., and right on Castlewood Canyon Rd. East side: 5 miles south of Franktown traffic light on C-83. Go on short volunteer-led hikes and listen to Carol Mae Smith, a well-known story teller, recount the Native American Story, "The most beautiful bird in the world." State Parks pass required. Refreshments will include Vulture cookies from an old German recipe.

Sunday, April 24 *Along St. Vrain and S. Platte Rivers*

Leader: Dick Pratt (303-651-6860)

Meet leader at 0830. Go north on I-25 to Longmont exit 240 (Hwy 119). Meet at Park 'n Ride on southeast corner of intersection, opposite Wendy's. Full day, bring lunch. Possibly arriving shorebirds—always a good tally of species.

Saturday, April 30 *Parker Regional Park*

Leader: Buzz Schaumberg (303-699-1721)

Meet leader at 0730 in park parking lot. From intersection of Main St. and Hwy. 83 in Parker, go south 1.2 miles. Turn right on Indian Pipe Lane to parking area. We'll bird 'til noon. Lunch optional. Easy walking on mostly paved trails.

## Field Trip Summaries February 2005

February 5, Saturday *Douglas County: Russelville Gulch Open Space, Walker Pit, Kingery's*  
Leader(s): Urling and Hugh Kingery. Observers: 10. Time: 0800-1400. Distance: 12 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Foothills riparian, ponderosa pine, scrub oak, open water, elevation 6000-6200'. Weather: Sunny, 30-47°F, no wind. Totals: 35 species, 693 individuals.

February 6, Sunday *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*  
Leader(s): Steve Kennedy. Observers: Jill Boyce, Peggy Hankins, Debbie Kennedy, Becky Paulsmeier, Jim Paulsmeier. Time: 0800-1300. Distance: 1 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Water, riparian, prairie, elevation 5300'. Weather: Overcast, light snow, 25°F, northeast wind, 5-15 mph. Totals: 37 species, 2254 individuals.

February 12, Saturday *Longmont Area (LON)*  
Leader(s): Chris Owens and Richard Mendez. Observers: Michel Deardorff, Peggy Hankins, Marcia Millikan, Jan and Jonathan Ormes, Dick Pratt, Bob Rohwedder, Lynn Solomon, Joyce Takamine, Chuck Walters, Larry Wilson. Time: 0830-1615. Distance: 51 miles by car. Habitat: Ponds, fields, riparian, agricultural, elevation 5000'. Weather: Clear, 45-55°F, west/northwest wind, 0-5 mph. Totals: 39 species, 5448 individuals.

February 13, Sunday *South Platte Park (SOU)*  
Leader ill and field trip held by Center staff; no records.

February 19, Saturday *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*  
Leader(s): Ed Holub. Observers: Neil and Jill Bachman, Patty Echelmeyer, Warren Finch, Allen Hagood, Pauline Ide, Bob Rohwedder, Mary Ellen Sargent, Chuck Walters. Time: 0730-1210. Distance: 19.7 miles by car, 1.2 miles on foot. Habitat: Lake, river riparian, plains, elevation 5500'. Weather: Partly cloudy, 22-59°F, west wind, 0-10 mph. Totals: 24 species, 1630 individuals.

February 20, Sunday *Belmar Historic Park (BEL)*  
Leader(s): Karleen Schofield. Observers: Lisa Carlson, Gale Daniel, Derek and Peggy Hankins, Marta Deutman, Sally Franson, Leslie Gerard, Beverlee Guild, Steve McKinney, Mary Stallings. Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Riparian lake and creek, wetlands, grasslands, elevation 5500. Weather: Sunny, 40-54°F, wind 0-1 mph. Totals: 27 species, 437 individuals.

February 26, Saturday *South Platte (SOU)*  
Leader(s): Buzz Schaumburg. Observers: Jill Boice, Gale Daniel, Jean Davis, Mary Lou Dimond, Marion Druighon, Gifford and Mary Ewing, Gordon Hodgson, Flavia Hoefler, Pauline Ide, Steve and Debbie Kennedy, Joe Molen, Mary Ellen Sargent, Steve and Kathryn Smith, Mary Stallings, Carolyn Weichmann, Scott Yarberry. Time: 0830-1130. Distance: .5 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: River and ponds. Weather: Clear and warm, 50°F, wind calm. Totals: 31 species, 1128 individuals.

February 27, Sunday *Longmont/Boulder - Raptors (LON)*  
Leader(s): Wayne and Dianna Johnston. Observers: Larry and Roni Wilson, Pauline and Cliff Ide, Peggy and Derek Hankins, Peter Spanberger, Joe Krieg, Mike and Joan Martin, Dick and Phillis Moore. Time: 0900-1700. Distance: 70 miles by car. Totals: 8 species, 121 individuals.

### Tuesday Birders

February 1 *Hudson Gardens and South Platte Bicycle Path (HUD)*  
Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. Observers: 34 (two groups). Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Gravel pits, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, russian olive gardens, elevation 5500'. Weather: Sunny, 23-37°F, wind calm. Totals: 24 species, 509 individuals.

## Field Trip Summaries February 2005, continued

February 8 Trip cancelled, inclement weather.

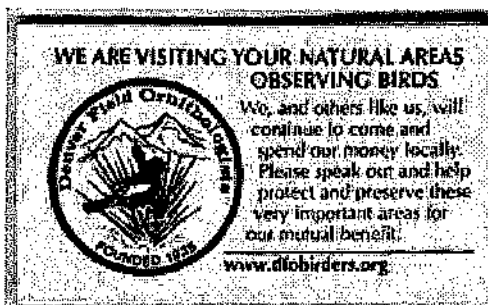
February 15 *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt and One Back Yard Feeder (WHE)*

Leader(s): Else Van Erp. Observers: 16. Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 3.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Lakes, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, elevation 5386'. Weather: Overcast to snow, 30°F, southwest wind, 0-5 mph. Totals: 29 species, 588 individuals.

February 22 *Bear Creek Greenbelt – Old Stone House (BEA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. Observers: 30 (two groups). Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, cottonwood, willow with meadows, elevation 5300'. Weather: Light snow to cloudy, 32-40°F, northwest wind, 0-5 mph. Totals: 28 species, 342 individuals.

### DFO Calling!



The calling cards are small cards (bound a al tablet form) which state we are visiting your natural areas observing birds. It basically lets the local merchants know that birders come into their town, surrounding area, etc. and spend money which helps their local economy. The hope is they will understand the importance of protecting the birds and environment which supports those birds. It includes the logo of DFO and our web site.

### Welcome New Members!

Peggy Burke, 12850 E. Idaho Dr., Aurora, CO 80012-4335, Karen I. Cravens, 7046 W. 62nd Place, Arvada, CO 80003, Dr. Laurence & Susan Robbins, 311 Forest St., Denver, CO 80220-5752

### Contributions

Rare Bird Alert: David Charles, Gary Conover, Jim Fischer, Jim & Jean Fredlund, Allison Hilf, Vivian Pfler, Michelle Rainbolt Educational Endowment Fund: David Charles, Gary Conover, Michelle Rainbolt

DFO Members attending the May meeting will be asked to vote on the new Treasurer. Christy Honnen's summarized resume is presented here for your review.

My interest in serving as Treasurer for Denver Field Ornithologists is to apply my business, financial and computer knowledge and organizational skills to help the club in its efforts to promote the study and conservation of birds.

Although a native of Colorado, I lived in New York City for 12 years. During most of that period I worked in sales and marketing with banks and brokerage firms. I also worked in management with the American Red Cross of Greater New York.

Currently, I do cataloguing with the Denver Art Museum, educational projects with the Institute of International Education and development work with The Wildlife Experience Museum. I have worked on various projects for the Audubon Society of Greater Denver as well.

I have been a member of DFO for three years and am also a member of Colorado Field Ornithologists and the Audubon Society of Greater Denver. I discovered birding about four years ago and have found it to be a tremendous pleasure. Birding has given me a lot and I would like to give back in the form of acting as Treasurer for DFO. Thank you.

## Field Trip Summary Table February 2005

| SPECIES                          |     |      |      |     |          |            |     |     | TUESDAY BIRDERS |   |     |     |             |
|----------------------------------|-----|------|------|-----|----------|------------|-----|-----|-----------------|---|-----|-----|-------------|
| DATE                             | 5   | 6    | 12   | 13  | 19       | 20         | 26  | 27  | 1               | 8 | 15  | 22  | TOTAL       |
| LOCATION                         | DOU | CHE  | LON  | SOU | CHA      | BEL        | SOU | LON | HUD             |   | WHE | BEA |             |
| Horned Grebe                     |     |      |      |     |          |            | 5   |     |                 |   |     |     | 5           |
| Double-crested Cormorant         |     |      |      |     |          |            | 1   |     |                 |   |     |     | 1           |
| Great Blue Heron                 |     | 1    | 15   |     | 1        | 140        |     |     | 5               |   |     |     | 162         |
| Canada Goose                     | 275 | 75   | 3000 |     | 700      |            | 60  |     | 250             |   | 125 | 88  | 4573        |
| Cackling Goose                   | 10  |      |      |     |          |            |     |     |                 |   |     |     | 10          |
| Wood Duck                        |     |      |      |     |          | 1          |     |     |                 |   |     |     | 1           |
| Gadwall                          |     | 16   | 11   |     | 24       | 15         | 410 |     | 8               |   | 50  | 6   | 540         |
| American Wigeon                  |     |      | 50   |     | 35       |            | 6   |     | 10              |   | 4   |     | 105         |
| Mallard                          | 14  | 48   | 125  |     | 430      | 42         | 5   |     | 100             |   | 75  | 26  | 865         |
| Northern Shoveler                |     | 13   |      |     |          | 88         | 190 |     |                 |   |     |     | 291         |
| Northern Pintail                 |     |      | 1    |     | 125      |            | 50  |     |                 |   |     |     | 176         |
| Green-winged Teal                |     | 16   | 51   |     | 22       | 2          | 176 |     | 9               |   |     |     | 276         |
| Redhead                          |     |      |      |     |          | 1          | 9   |     |                 |   |     |     | 10          |
| Ring-necked Duck                 | 4   |      | 102  |     |          | 2          | 12  |     |                 |   | 27  |     | 147         |
| Lesser Scaup                     |     |      |      |     |          | 2          | 18  |     |                 |   | 1   |     | 21          |
| Bufflehead                       |     |      |      |     |          |            | 12  |     | 5               |   |     |     | 17          |
| Common Goldeneye                 | 4   | 21   | 7    |     | 4        | 5          | 32  |     | 3               |   | 15  | 2   | 93          |
| Hooded Merganser                 |     | 10   |      |     |          | 3          | 3   |     |                 |   | 5   |     | 21          |
| Common Merganser                 | 2   | 1250 | 200  |     | 20       |            |     |     |                 |   | 50  |     | 1522        |
| Red-breasted Merganser           |     | 3    | 7    |     |          |            | 1   |     |                 |   |     |     | 11          |
| Bald Eagle                       |     | 15   | 19   |     |          |            |     | 19  | 1               |   |     |     | 54          |
| Northern Harrier                 |     |      | 3    |     |          |            | 2   | 8   |                 |   |     |     | 13          |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk               |     |      | 2    |     |          |            |     |     |                 |   |     |     | 2           |
| Red-tailed Hawk<br>western races | 5   | 12   | 26   |     | 1<br>(1) | 12<br>(12) |     | 55  | 1               |   | 1   | 4   | 117<br>(13) |
| Ferruginous Hawk                 |     |      | 1    |     |          |            |     | 7   |                 |   |     |     | 8           |
| Golden Eagle                     |     |      |      |     |          |            |     | 3   |                 |   |     |     | 3           |
| American Kestrel                 |     | 9    | 18   |     |          | 4          | 1   | 25  | 1               |   |     | 4   | 62          |
| Prairie Falcon                   |     |      |      |     |          |            |     | 2   |                 |   |     |     | 2           |
| Ring-necked Pheasant             |     | 2    |      |     |          |            |     |     |                 |   |     |     | 2           |
| American Coot                    |     | 9    |      |     |          |            |     |     |                 |   |     |     | 9           |
| Killdeer                         |     |      | 5    |     |          |            |     |     | 3               |   |     |     | 8           |
| Wilson's Snipe                   |     |      |      |     |          | 1          |     |     | 3               |   |     |     | 4           |
| Ring-billed Gull                 |     | 230  | 450  |     | 75       | 55         | 32  |     |                 |   | 30  |     | 872         |
| California Gull                  |     | 17   |      |     |          |            |     |     |                 |   |     |     | 17          |
| Herring Gull                     |     | 158  | 1    |     | 20       |            |     |     |                 |   |     |     | 179         |
| Glaucous Gull                    |     | 4    |      |     |          |            |     |     |                 |   |     |     | 4           |
| gull sp.                         |     |      |      |     |          |            |     |     | 7               |   |     | 1   | 8           |
| Rock Pigeon                      | 4   | 53   | 150  |     | 1        | 9          | 5   |     | 28              |   |     | 27  | 277         |
| Eurasian Collared-dove           |     |      | 2    |     |          |            |     |     |                 |   |     |     | 2           |
| Mourning Dove                    |     | 24   |      |     |          | 16         |     |     |                 |   | 4   | 4   | 48          |
| Great Horned Owl                 |     |      | 2    |     |          |            |     | 2   |                 |   |     | 1   | 5           |

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=mate, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.



## Field Trip Summary Table February 2005, continued

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | TUESDAY BIRDERS |          |           |           | TOTAL  |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
|                             | 5<br>DOU | 6<br>CHE | 12<br>LON | 13<br>SOU | 19<br>CHA | 20<br>BEL | 26<br>SOU | 27<br>LON | 1<br>HUD        | 8<br>WHE | 15<br>BEA | 22<br>BEA |        |
| Dow ny Woodpecker           | 2        | 5        |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |                 |          | 6         | 3         | 17     |
| Hairy Woodpecker            | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 1      |
| Northern Flicker            | 1        | 23       | 6         |           | 1         | 5         |           |           | 4               |          | 17        | 17        | 74     |
| "Red-shafted" race          | (1)      | (23)     |           |           | (1)       | (5)       |           |           |                 |          |           |           | (30)   |
| Northern Shrike             |          | 2        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 2      |
| Steller's Jay               | 14       |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 14     |
| Blue Jay                    | 1        | 2        | 2         |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          | 4         | 4         | 13     |
| Western Scrub-Jay           | 8        |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 8      |
| Black-billed Magpie         | 11       | 21       | 5         |           | 2         |           | 1         |           | 4               |          | 1         | 9         | 54     |
| American Crow               | 15       | 5        |           |           | 6         | 5         |           |           | 4               |          | 2         | 5         | 42     |
| Common Raven                | 2        |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 2      |
| Horned Lark                 | 37       |          |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 38     |
| Black-capped Chickadee      | 3        | 2        | 1         |           | 1         | 2         |           |           |                 |          | 4         | 13        | 26     |
| Mountain Chickadee          | 2        |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 2      |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch       | 2        |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 2      |
| White-breasted Nuthatch     | 4        |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          | 2         | 3         | 9      |
| Pygmy Nuthatch              | 22       |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 22     |
| American Dipper             |          |          | 3         |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 3      |
| Ruby-crow ned Kinglet       |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           | 3         | 3      |
| Mountain Bluebird           | 14       |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 14     |
| Tow nsend's Solitaire       | 3        | 1        | 1         |           |           | 1         |           |           |                 |          | 2         |           | 8      |
| American Robin              |          | 1        | 3         |           |           |           | 2         |           |                 |          |           | 42        | 48     |
| European Starling           | 9        | 33       | 520       |           | 6         | 4         | 11        |           | 48              |          | 70        | 24        | 725    |
| Cedar Waxw ing              |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          | 35        |           | 35     |
| Spotted Tow hee             | 7        |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          | 2         |           | 9      |
| American Tree Sparrow       | 3        | 62       |           |           | 40        |           | 12        |           | 1               |          |           |           | 118    |
| Song Sparrow                | 1        | 6        | 1         |           |           | 1         | 34        |           | 3               |          | 4         | 6         | 56     |
| White-crow ned Sparrow      |          |          |           |           |           |           | 2         |           |                 |          | 4         | 17        | 23     |
| Dark-eyed Junco             | 46       | 15       | 1         |           | 11        |           |           |           | 1               |          | 16        | 1         | 91     |
| "White-w inged" race        | (22)     |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | (22)   |
| "Slate-colored" race        |          | 3        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | (3)    |
| "Oregon" race               | (4)      |          |           |           | (1)       |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | (5)    |
| "Pink-sided" race           | (8)      | 12       |           |           | 10        |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | (30)   |
| "Gray-headed" race          | (12)     |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | (12)   |
| Red-w inged Blackbird       | 49       | 52       | 600       |           | 100       | 2         | 20        |           |                 |          | 2         | 8         | 833    |
| Western Meadow lark         |          |          | 12        |           | 3         |           | 1         |           |                 |          |           |           | 16     |
| House Finch                 | 63       | 27       | 13        |           |           | 14        | 8         |           | 5               |          | 22        | 14        | 166    |
| Red Crossbill               | 34       |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 34     |
| Pine Siskin                 | 19       |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 19     |
| American Goldfinch          | 2        | 11       | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           | 2         | 16     |
| House Sparrow               |          |          | 27        |           |           | 4         | 4         |           |                 |          | 8         | 5         | 48     |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS           | 693      | 2254     | 5448      | 0         | 1630      | 437       | 1128      | 121       | 509             | 0        | 588       | 342       | 13,150 |
| TOTAL SPECIES               | 35       | 37       | 39        | 0         | 24        | 27        | 31        | 8         | 24              | 0        | 29        | 28        | 76     |

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

## Additional Reports, February 2005

| Species                  | Dates    | #                         | Location                                          | County    | Observers                            |
|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Thayer's Gull            | 2/18     | 1 1st yr                  | Cherry Creek Reservoir                            | Arapahoe  | Bob Brown, mo.b.                     |
| Iceland Gull             | 2/12-16  | 1 2nd yr                  | Cherry Creek Reservoir                            | Arapahoe  | Bob Brown, mo.b.                     |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | 2/11     | 1 juv                     | Cherry Creek Reservoir                            | Arapahoe  | Bob Brown, mo.b.                     |
| Glaucous Gull            | 2/3-21   | up to 3<br>1st yr &<br>2a | Cherry Creek Reservoir                            | Arapahoe  | Bob Brown, mo.b.                     |
| Great Black-backed Gull  | 2/16-18  | 1 2nd yr                  | Cherry Creek Reservoir                            | Arapahoe  | Bob Brown, mo.b.                     |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl    | 2/20     | 8                         | Franktown                                         | Douglas   | Urling & Hugh Kingery                |
| Northern Shrike          | 2/27     | 1                         | Snow Mountain Ranch near<br>Tabernash Elev. 8600' | Grand     | Jeff & Kathy Dunning                 |
| House Wren               | 38401    | 1                         | Wheatridge Greenbelt                              | Jefferson | Karleen Schofield                    |
| Bohemian Waxwing         | 2/7      | 25                        | Highlands Ranch                                   | Douglas   | Bob Brown, mo.b.                     |
| Pine Warbler             | 1/7-2/25 | 1 am                      | Denver West Office Park                           | Jefferson | Karleen Schofield,<br>mo.b.          |
| Snow Goose dark morph    | 38402    | 1a                        | Balmar Park Lakewood                              | Jefferson | Karleen Schofield                    |
| Red Crossbill            | 2/1      | many                      | Franktown                                         | Douglas   | Urling & Hugh Kingery,<br>Karen Metz |

Colorado Birds Records Review Species are in bold type. A=Adult, I=Immature, M=Male, F=Female, S=Singing, Bas=Basic Plumage. Thank you birds for supporting our important additional reports. All sightings should be sent to Elna Cain [elncain13@aol.com](mailto:elncain13@aol.com).



Sadly—for the DFO, Elna has decided to spend more time traveling and birding, than collecting and documenting the monthly data for the invaluable Additional Report. President Toni Rautus, on hearing of Elna's "resignation" said, *"First off, thank you 1000 times over for your dedication to the DFO and our members. And thank you for providing me a little time to find a replacement for your position."*

DFO is looking for a volunteer to be editor of the ADDITIONAL REPORTS monthly feature in the Lark Bunting. The following is a list of responsibilities:

Name, address, phone and email address are published in The Lark Bunting

Each month:

- Remind frequent contributors of upcoming deadline via email.
- Thank each contributor. Clarify data if necessary.
- Accumulate information in Excel file. Check against information regarding rarity
- On the second day of each month, summarize sightings on standardized Excel file, put in taxonomic order, bold designated rare sightings.
- Email completed summary in Excel file to Lark Bunting Editor for inclusion in the next issue.

(New volunteer will be given copy of pertinent Excel files.)

## 2004 Denver Christmas Bird Count Highlights

by Dick Schottler, Compiler

The 2004 Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC) that took place on December 18th, the 51st consecutive year that the Denver Field Ornithologists has conducted a Christmas Count within the same 15-mile diameter Count circle established in 1954 and centered just north of the old Ken Caryl Ranch entrance. The weather cooperated on Count day with mild temperatures, calm to moderate winds, and mostly clear skies. A total of 41,323 individual birds of 97 species was recorded by 81 field observers and 34 feeder watchers. The number of individual birds seen is a record high for the Denver Count; the previous high was 39,486 seen in 1987. One new species, Cackling Goose (split from the Canada Goose complex by the American Ornithological Union in 2004), was added to the cumulative Denver CBC list in 2004, so the total species seen since 1954 goes to 192. "Rare" birds (seen on fewer than 6 of the previous 50 Counts) were Ross's Goose, Say's Phoebe and Hermit Thrush. "Uncommon" birds (seen on between 6 and 12 previous Counts) this year included Barrow's Goldeneye, Eared Grebe, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Loggerhead Shrike, and Common Grackle. Unusual races reported this year include a "Kridler's" Red-tailed Hawk (1st record) and a "Yellow-shafted" Flicker (6th record).

Record-high individual numbers were established for eleven species (not including Cackling Goose): Canada Goose (19,443; previous high 17,064 in 2000), Northern Shoveler (785; previous high 456 in 2003), Green-winged Teal (246; previous high 204 in 1987), Hooded Merganser (197; previous high 93 in 1995), Black-crowned Night-Heron (6; previous high 5 in 1994), Red-tailed Hawk (107; previous high 99 in 2001), Killdeer (69; previous high 67 in 2001), Downy Woodpecker (125; previous high 88 in 1989), Hairy Woodpecker (55; previous high 53 in 1972 & 1981), White-breasted Nuthatch (172; previous high 110 in 2000), and Pygmy Nuthatch (425; previous high 419 in 1976).

Several species were seen in fewer than usual numbers this year. These included Blue Jay (the 27 seen is the lowest since 1978 and represents only 37% of the average for the previous 10 years), Townsend's Solitaire (2nd lowest since 1970), American Robin (62 is lowest since 1982 and represents only 16% of the previous 10-year average), Evening Grosbeak (none seen for 2nd year in a row; 1969 was the last year prior to 2003 that none were observed), and House Sparrow (588 is lowest since 1979 and is only 63% of the previous 10-year average).

The ten most numerous species observed on the Count were: 1. Canada Goose (19,443), 2. Mallard (1,873), 3. Crow (1,785), 4. Starling (1,782) 5. Common Merganser (1,687), 6. Red-winged Blackbird (1,537), 7. House Finch (1,518), 8. Dark-eyed Junco (1,146), 9. Ring-billed Gull (1,144), and 10. Northern Shoveler (785). Together, these ten species accounted for 79 percent of the birds counted, with Canada Geese alone representing 47 percent of the total. One additional species, Red Crossbill, was observed in the Count circle during Count Week (12/15-17, 19-21), but not on the 18th.

As compiler of the 51st Denver Christmas Bird Count, I want to thank all of the field observers and feeder watchers for participating. Special thanks go to the Area Leaders whose efforts made this Count a success, to Patty Echelmeyer and Tina Jones for their efforts once again in lining up the feeder watchers and compiling the feeder results, and to Carolyn Cooley who again did the data entry. Last but not least, thanks to Scott and Sandy Menough and the staff at their Wild Birds Unlimited store for again hosting our compilation meeting and providing the very welcome refreshments after a day in the field. This was the 10th year they have done this for us, and as always, it was a great way to wrap up the Count.

## 51st Annual Denver Christmas Bird Count, December 2004

### 51st ANNUAL DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Day, Date, and Time: Saturday, December 18, 2004, 5:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Compiler: Dick Schottler Feeder Coordinators: Patty Echelmeyer and Tina Jones

Weather: Mostly clear Temperature: 20 to 58 deg. F Wind: variable, 0 to 15 mph

Snow Cover: 0 to 6" Still Water: Partly open Moving Water: Partly open.

Observers: 116 (81 in 29 parties, 35 watchers at 32 feeders)

Total Party Hours: 199 (130 on foot, 69 by car) Owling Hours: 1

Total Party Miles: 732 (89 on foot, 643 by car) Owling Miles: 9

Hours Spent Watching Feeders: 91

Count Totals: 97 species; 41,323 individuals

Participants by Area (Area Leader's names in bold):

- Area 1. Red Rocks Park (RRP): Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown, Aimee Caires, Tom Casadevall, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Mary Siders
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- Area 2A. Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP): Kathy Hawkins
- Area 3. Bow Mar/Marston (BMM): Ira Sanders, Karl Stecher, Rich Stevens
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- Area 18. Garrison Gate (GGT): Charles Thornton-Kolbe
- Area 19. Morrison/Willow Brook (MWB): Jackie King
- Area 20. Willow Creek (WCK): Nancy Crews, Doris Cruze, Paul Thayer, Phoebe Thayer, Dennis Wojcicki
- Area 21. Mt. Lindo/Willow Springs (MLW): Karleen Schofield

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Regular individual or family membership is \$20.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303.322.6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

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Our web [www.dfobirders.org](http://www.dfobirders.org) lists current field trip schedules that you can download. Changes to trip schedules will be posted on the site.

## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings:** Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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An Amateur Naturalist's

"Wanderings in the Galapagos Islands"...

May 4th at 7.30pm

Our final program of the season will be presented by longtime DFO member Chris Blakeslee, now a retired elementary school teacher but always on a quest to learn.

Chris will be sharing with us an adventure that he and his wife Sue recently enjoyed - his slides will sure to whet your wanderlust!

*DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building.*

Blue-footed booby *Sula nebouxii*

## DFO Field Trips for May 2005



Sunday, May 1

*Barr Lake State Park*

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069. Meet leaders at 0800 at the Nature Center in the park. From I-76 east, take the Bromley Lane exit-west to Picadilly Lane and turn south to park entrance. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Good trip for novice birders and new members. Easy walking. State Parks Pass required.

Saturday, May 7

*Longmont/Lyons Area*

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048. Meet leaders at 0700 at Jim Hamm Park. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Road, then north two miles to Jim Hamm Park at 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. This will be a three-quarter to full day trip so bring lunch and extra water. State Parks Pass needed.

Sunday, May 8

*Welchster Tree Park, Golden and Belmar Historic Park*

Leader: Mike Foster 303-279-3026. Meet leader at 7:30. Some unusual birds have been reported here in spring. Let's go investigate. Exit I-70 West at Colfax, head east to Indiana. Turn right and go to 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., where you turn

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## May 2005 Field Trips, continued

left and continue to just before Xenophon St. where you can park. Then we'll check out nearby Belmar Park in Lakewood, before returning to the Wild Bird Center for snacks. Lunch is optional as this is a half day trip.

Friday, May 13 to Sunday, May 15     *Bonnie State Park*

Leader: Bob Righter, 303-692-8529. Meet leader at the Foster's Campground at 1700, Friday night. Friday night will bird around the Foster's campground area. You can camp there or stay in a motel in Idalia or Burlington. You will need to bring all your meals. Trip will end at noon on Sunday. State Parks Pass is required.

Saturday, May 14     *Cherry Creek State Park*

Leader: Steve Kennedy. Meet leader at 0730 at the west entrance of park. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. past Cherry Creek High School. Bring lunch, water and walking shoes for an all day trip that will end early in the afternoon. State Parks Pass required.

Sunday, May 15     *Pawnee National Grasslands and Crow Valley Campground*

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048. Meet leaders at 0600 at THE gas station (Conoco?) located just east of the Hudson exit off I-76 in Hudson. Bring lunch and extra water for an all-day trip to see the prairie species found in this fascinating place. This is a good trip for novice birdwatchers and new members.

Saturday May 21     *Chatfield State Park*

Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194. Meet leader at 0700 at fee station inside west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth, 1 1/2 miles south of C-470. All day trip, bring lunch and extra water. State Parks Pass required.

Sunday May 22     *Lair o' the Bear Park*

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661. Meet leader at 0730 at the park for an early morning walk and bird for migrants. To carpool, meet leader at 0700 at West 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Union Blvd. at RTD Park-n-Ride. To reach the park from Morrison, drive 4 miles west on C-74 to park entrance on left. (Observe speed limits!) Lunch is optional as this trip will end around noon but be sure to bring extra water and snacks. This trip will involve easy walking.

Saturday May 28     *Rocky Mountain Arsenal*

Leader: Dave Rhoades 303-424-8633. The Rocky Mountain Arsenal is again permitting wildlife viewing trips. There are a limited number of participants who will be allowed to ride in the van and the trips tend to fill up quickly so contact the leader for reservations and meeting information. Dave Rhoades is a naturalist who volunteers at the RMA. The trip is planned for morning and early afternoon so bring lunch and extra water.

Sunday May 29     *Stapleton Braille Trail*

Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072. Meet leader at 0800 at RTD Park and Ride west side of South Wadsworth Blvd just south of Hampden Ave. (US 285). Bring lunch for an all day trip. Will hope to see birds of the foothills and lots of hummingbirds. This trip will be good for novice birders and new members.

Monday May 30 (Memorial Day)     *Wheat Ridge Green Belt*

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet at Prospect Park Lake, south of West 44<sup>th</sup> Ave. just east of Robb St. at 0800. This will be an all day trip so bring lunch. Leader is using a scooter for mobility so this trip is accessible and will involve easy walking only.

Scheduled by Jackie King and compiled by Cris Cook

## Field Trip Summaries, March 2005

March 5, Saturday *South Platte at 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue (SOU)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. Observers: Peggy Fitzgerald, Leslie Gerard, Christy Honnen, Tam Knox, Sue Osborn, Dick Pratt, Phil Rogers, Warren Roske, Kay Shade, Robert Shade. Time: 0830-1200. Distance: 3 miles by car, all on foot. Habitat: Riparian, lacustrine, urban, grassland. Weather: Clear, warm. Totals: 30 species, 771 individuals.

March 6, Sunday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Dick Schottler. Observers: Jill Boyce, Michael Deardorff, Warren Finch, Bob Rohwedder, Trish Schumacher, Margaret Smith, Mary Stallings, Larry Wilson, Roni Wilson. Time: 0700-1230. Distance: 4.5 miles on foot. Weather: Clear, 40-65°F, southwest wind, 0-15 mph. Totals: 48 species, 3394 individuals.

March 12, Saturday *Longmont/Loveland Area (LON)*

Leader(s): Doug Faulkner. Observers: Pauline and Cliff Ide, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Larry Wilson, Allison Hilf, Meredith Anderson, Warren Finch, Gail Evans, Gordon Hodgson. Time: 0900-1500. Distance: about 100 miles by car. Weather: Windy, 50°F. Totals: 46 species, 2409 individuals.

March 13, Sunday *Big Dry Creek Open Space (BIG)* Cancelled due to inclement weather.

March 19, Saturday *Red Rocks Park, Mt Falcon Park, and Lair O' the Bear (RED)*

Leader(s): Norm Lewis. Observers: Marilyn Binkley, David Charles, Peggy Fitzgerald, Nancy Hawkins, Gordon Hodgson, Bob Montgomery, Nina Rough, Trish Schumacher, Bob Shade, Kathryn Smith, Steve Smith, Mary Stallings. Time: 0800-1400. Distance: 20 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Scrub oak, riparian, coniferous woodland. Weather: Sunny to partly cloudy, wind 0-10 mph. Totals: 25 species, 139 individuals.

March 20, Sunday *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Mary Burger. Observers: Jim Connell, Michael Deardorff, Ellie Jones, Randy Lentz, Sue Schulman. Time: 0800-1330. Distance: 5 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Aquatic, riparian, elevation 5550'. Weather: Partly cloudy, 40-50°F, wind 0-15 mph. Totals: 39 species, 459 individuals.

March 26, Saturday, *Colorado Springs Areal/Fountain Creek (COL)*, Report not available at time of printing.

March 27, Sunday, *Nebraska Greater Prairie Chicken Lek (NEB)* Trip report not available at time of printing.

### Tuesday Birders

Mar 1 *Belmar Lakewood City Park (BEL)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 36. Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 1.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Reservoir and ponds, deciduous and evergreen trees, city park, open fields, elevation 5280'. Weather: Partly sunny to cloudy and haze, 36-56°F, southeast wind, 0-7mph. Totals: 30 species, 452 individuals.

March 8 *Red Rocks Park (RED)*

Leader(s): Else Van Erp. Observers: 25. Time: 0945-1000. Distance: 5 miles by car, 100 yards on foot. Habitat: Foothills, shrubland, riparian, city park, elevation 5800'. Weather: Snow and sleet, 26-53°F, northeast wind, 5-35mph. Totals: 7 species, 45 individuals.

March 15 *Bear Creek Lake Park, Lakewood (BEA)*

Leader(s): Else Van Erp. Observers: 16. Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 9 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails and open fields, elevation 5800'. Weather: Partly cloudy, 35-60°F, northwest wind, 1-5 mph. Totals: 21 species, 159 individuals.

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## Field Trip Summaries March 2005, continued

**March 22** *Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield (DEN)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 30 (four groups). Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, ponds, cottonwood, willow, cattails, juniper, open fields, elevation 5500'. Weather: Partly cloudy, 38-46°F, southeast wind, 1-5 mph. Totals: 19 species, 204 individuals.

**March 29** *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 35. Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 7 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Large reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails marsh, open woodlands, grasslands, elevation 5350'. Weather: Partly cloudy to cloudy, 40-50°F, north wind, 0-15 mph. Totals: 32 species, 305 individuals.

No New Members to Report.

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## Additional Reports, March 2005

| Species                | Dates   | #            | Location                               | County      | Observers                      |
|------------------------|---------|--------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Blue-winged Teal       | 3/30    | 3 (2m 1f)    | Inlet Lower Latham                     | Weld        | Bob Spencer                    |
| American White Pelican | 3/21    | 1 (1st here) | Cherry Creek SP                        | Arapahoe    | Bob Spencer                    |
| Greater Scaup          | 3/13    | 3m 2f        | Trailmark Subdivision                  | Jefferson   | Joey Kellner                   |
| American Avocet        | 3/30    | 1 (1st here) | Rd. 42 south of Latham                 | Weld        | Bob Spencer                    |
| Greater Yellowlegs     | 3/30    | 5 (1st here) | Rd. 42 south of Latham                 | Weld        | Bob Spencer                    |
| California Gull        | 3/30    | 70           | Rd 59 plowed field                     | Weld        | Bob Spencer                    |
| Glaucous-winged Gull   | 3/14-25 | 1 2nd yr     | Cherry Creek SP                        | Arapahoe    | Bob Brown                      |
| Glaucous-winged Gull   | 3/16    | 1 2nd yr     | Cherry Creek Reservoir                 | Arapahoe    | Joey Kellner, Steve Stachowiak |
| Glaucous-winged Gull   | 3/17    | 1            | Cherry Creek SP                        | Arapahoe    | Bob Spencer, mo.b.             |
| Glaucous Gull          | 3/22    | 2juv         | Cherry Creek Res.                      | Arapahoe    | Bob Brown                      |
| Band-tailed Pigeon     | 3/6     | 1            | Georgetown                             | Clear Creek | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek     |
| Barn Owl               | 3/1     | 1            | Barr Lake State Park                   | Adams       | Bob Spencer                    |
| Loggerhead Shrike      | 3/4     | 1 (early)    | Red Rocks                              | Jefferson   | Bob Spencer                    |
| Northern Mockingbird   | 3/4     | 1 1st winter | Red Rocks                              | Jefferson   | Bob Spencer                    |
| Waxwing, Bohemian      | 3/13    | 60           | Chatfield Reservoir at marina sandspit | Douglas     | Joey Kellner                   |
| Sage Sparrow           | 3/28    | 1            | Walden Ponds                           | Boulder     | Bob Spencer                    |
| Harris Sparrow         | 3/3     | 1i           | Millineauz Reservoir                   | Jefferson   | Bob Spencer                    |

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|-----------------------------|-----|------|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
|                             | 5   | 6    | 12  | 13 | 19  | 20  | 26  | 27  | 1               | 8   | 15  | 22  | 29  |       |
|                             | SOU | BAR  | LON | -  | RED | CHE | COL | NEB | BEL             | RED | BEA | DEN | CHE |       |
| Pied-billed Grebe           |     |      | 1   |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Horned Grebe                |     | 2    | 8   |    |     | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 11    |
| Clark's Grebe               |     |      |     |    |     | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| American White Pelican      |     |      |     |    |     | 4   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Double-crested Cormorant    |     | 2    |     |    |     | 8   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 10  | 20    |
| Great Blue Heron            |     |      | 28  |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 28    |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron   |     |      |     |    |     |     |     |     | 1               |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Canada Goose                | 40  | 120  | 760 |    |     | 20  |     |     | 24              |     | 3   | 58  | 32  | 1057  |
| Brant                       |     |      |     |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1   | 1     |
| Wood Duck                   |     |      |     |    |     |     |     |     | 3               |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| Gadwall                     | 180 | 45   | 19  |    |     | 20  |     |     | 6               |     |     |     | 2   | 272   |
| American Wigeon             | 30  | 2    | 22  |    |     | 10  |     |     | 2               |     |     |     |     | 66    |
| Mallard                     | 48  | 60   | 30  |    |     | 8   |     |     | 6               |     | 30  | 12  | 6   | 200   |
| Cinnamon Teal               |     |      | 5   |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 5     |
| Northern Shoveler           | 75  | 2500 | 56  |    |     | 50  |     |     | 250             |     |     |     |     | 2931  |
| Northern Pintail            | 28  | 4    | 13  |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2   | 47    |
| Green-winged Teal           | 35  |      | 19  |    |     | 10  |     |     | 4               |     |     |     |     | 68    |
| Canvasback                  |     |      | 2   |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Redhead                     |     | 8    | 655 |    |     |     |     |     | 4               |     |     |     |     | 667   |
| Ring-necked Duck            | 6   | 20   | 52  |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 78    |
| Greater Scaup               |     | 1    | 1   |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Lesser Scaup                | 9   | 6    | 52  |    |     | 10  |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 77    |
| Bufflehead                  | 10  | 21   | 14  |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 45    |
| Common Goldeneye            | 110 | 90   | 67  |    |     | 10  |     |     | 2               |     | 2   |     |     | 281   |
| Hooded Merganser            |     |      | 1   |    |     |     |     |     | 6               |     |     |     |     | 7     |
| Common Merganser            | 1   | 27   | 206 |    |     | 6   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 240   |
| Red-breasted Merganser      |     | 6    |     |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 6     |
| Ruddy Duck                  |     |      | 16  |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 16    |
| Bald Eagle                  |     | 2    | 7   |    |     | 5   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1   | 15    |
| Northern Harrier            | 2   | 3    | 2   |    |     | 3   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2   | 12    |
| accipiter sp.               |     |      |     |    |     | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Red-tailed Hawk             | 3   | 1    | 11  |    | 4   | 3   |     |     | 1               |     |     | 3   | 1   | 27    |
| western races               |     | (1)  |     |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | (1)   |
| Rough-legged Hawk           |     | 1    |     |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Golden Eagle                |     |      |     |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     | 1   |     | 1   | 2     |
| American Kestrel            |     | 3    | 7   |    |     |     |     |     | 2               |     | 2   | 2   | 5   | 21    |
| Prairie Falcon              |     | 1    |     |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        |     | 2    |     |    |     | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 3     |

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|                             | SOU | BAR | LON | -  | RED | GHE | COL | NEB | BEL             | RED | BEA | DEN | CHE |       |
| Virginia Rail               |     |     |     |    |     | 3   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1   | 4     |
| American Coot               |     | 15  | 80  |    |     | 30  |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 7   | 132   |
| Killdeer                    | 2   | 2   | 11  |    |     | 3   |     |     |                 |     |     | 2   | 1   | 21    |
| Wilson's Snipe              |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |     | 2               |     |     |     | 1   | 3     |
| Ring-billed Gull            | 105 | 8   | 72  |    |     | 40  |     |     | 55              |     |     |     | 12  | 292   |
| California Gull             |     |     | 4   |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Herring Gull                |     | 1   | 5   |    |     | 85  |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 7   | 98    |
| Glaucous-winged Gull        |     |     |     |    |     | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| gull sp.                    |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     | 1   |     |     | 1     |
| Rock Pigeon                 | 8   | 4   | 27  |    | 10  |     |     |     | 6               | 6   |     |     | 25  | 86    |
| Mourning Dove               |     | 20  |     |    |     | 1   |     |     | 3               |     |     |     |     | 24    |
| Barn Owl                    |     | 3   |     |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| Great Horned Owl            |     | 2   | 2   |    |     | 4   |     |     |                 |     | 2   |     | 1   | 11    |
| Long-eared Owl              |     | 1   |     |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Belted Kingfisher           | 2   |     | 1   |    | 2   |     |     |     | 2               |     |     |     |     | 7     |
| Downy Woodpecker            |     | 4   |     |    | 2   | 1   |     |     | 2               |     |     |     |     | 9     |
| "eastern" race              |     | 4   |     |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | (4)   |
| Hairy Woodpecker            |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 1   |     | 1     |
| Northern Flicker            | 4   | 6   | 5   |    | 2   | 18  |     |     | 5               | 2   | 6   | 17  | 8   | 73    |
| "Red-shafted" race          |     | (6) |     |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | (6)   |
| Say's Phoebe                |     |     | 1   |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Northern Shrike             |     |     |     |    | 1   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Steller's Jay               |     |     |     |    | 3   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| Blue Jay                    |     | 2   |     |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Western Scrub-Jay           |     |     |     |    | 3   |     |     |     |                 | 3   |     |     |     | 6     |
| Black-billed Magpie         | 3   | 3   | 8   |    | 9   | 7   |     |     | 8               |     | 5   | 3   | 5   | 51    |
| American Crow               | 2   |     | 1   |    | 8   | 6   |     |     | 3               |     | 17  |     | 6   | 43    |
| Common Raven                |     |     | 2   |    | 7   |     |     |     |                 |     | 1   |     |     | 10    |
| Horned Lark                 |     |     | 19  |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 19    |
| Black-capped Chickadee      |     | 2   |     |    | 10  |     |     |     |                 | 2   | 4   | 2   | 10  | 30    |
| Mountain Chickadee          |     |     |     |    | 4   | 6   |     |     |                 |     |     | 1   |     | 11    |
| White-breasted Nuthatch     |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |                 |     | 2   | 3   |     | 5     |
| Pygmy Nuthatch              |     |     |     |    | 6   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 6     |
| Canyon Wren                 |     |     |     |    | 3   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| American Dipper             |     |     |     |    | 3   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet        |     |     |     |    | 1   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Mountain Bluebird           |     |     |     |    | 4   |     |     |     |                 |     | 37  |     |     | 41    |
| Townsend's Solitaire        |     |     |     |    | 2   |     |     |     | 1               |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| American Robin              | 3   | 26  | 13  |    | 25  | 16  |     |     | 14              | 30  | 13  | 40  | 44  | 224   |
| European Starling           | 13  | 60  | 60  |    | 1   | 30  |     |     | 18              |     |     | 30  | 50  | 262   |

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|                             | 5<br>SOU | 6<br>BAR | 12<br>LON | 13<br>- | 19<br>RED | 20<br>CHE | 26<br>COL | 27<br>NEB | 1<br>BEL        | 8<br>RED | 15<br>BEA | 22<br>DEN | 29<br>CHE |       |
| American Pipit              | 12       |          |           |         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 12    |
| American Tree Sparrow       |          | 15       |           |         |           | 1         |           |           |                 |          | 1         |           |           | 17    |
| Chipping Sparrow            |          |          |           |         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           | 1         |           | 1     |
| Song Sparrow                | 6        | 9        | 1         |         | 8         | 3         |           |           | 3               | 1        | 9         | 3         | 1         | 44    |
| White-crowned Sparrow       | 6        | 16       |           |         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 22    |
| Dark-eyed Junco             |          | 17       |           |         | 15        | 1         |           |           | 2               | 1        |           | 11        | 4         | 51    |
| "Slate-colored" race        |          | 3        |           |         |           | 1         |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | (4)   |
| "Oregon" race               |          |          |           |         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           | (9)       |           | (9)   |
| "Pink-sided" race           |          | 4        |           |         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | (4)   |
| Red-winged Blackbird        | 12       | 200      | 30        |         |           | 10        |           |           | 12              |          | 15        | 11        | 40        | 330   |
| Western Meadowlark          | 4        | 12       | 6         |         | 1         | 2         |           |           |                 |          | 2         | 1         | 1         | 29    |
| Great-tailed Grackle        |          |          | 3         |         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 3     |
| House Finch                 | 4        | 13       |           |         | 5         | 6         |           |           | 4               |          | 3         | 3         | 5         | 43    |
| American Goldfinch          |          | 6        |           |         |           |           |           |           | 1               |          |           |           | 9         | 16    |
| House Sparrow               | 8        | 20       | 4         |         |           | 14        |           |           |                 |          | 3         |           | 4         | 53    |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS           | 771      | 3394     | 2409      | 0       | 139       | 459       | 0         | 0         | 452             | 45       | 159       | 204       | 305       | 8,337 |
| TOTAL SPECIES               | 30       | 48       | 46        | 0       | 25        | 39        | 0         | 0         | 30              | 7        | 21        | 19        | 32        | 85    |



### 8TH ANNUAL GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT — record-breaking results are in!

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**Saturday April 23, 2005**

## Castlewood Canyon State Park

East Side (State Highway 83 Entrance)

- *"The Most Beautiful Bird in the World,"* hourly from 9am—noon Visiting Certified Interpretive Guide Carol Mae Smith tells the story of the Turkey Vulture in the Native American tradition. Meet at the Visitor Center.
- Visit *"Vinnie the Vulture,"* our newest mounted specimen, in the Visitor Center. Volunteer Naturalists will distribute fact sheets about "TVs" and answer questions about the park.

- View vultures through a spotting scope from *Canyon View Nature Trail*.
- Junior Naturalists (ages 7-12 years) will meet in the Visitor Center from 1pm-2pm to hear about "The Most Beautiful Bird in the World" and to study Turkey Vultures' unique physical characteristics and behavior.

### West Side (State Highway 86 Entrance)

- View roosting Turkey Vultures through a spotting scope at the *West Side Trailhead Parking Lot*.
- Take a birding hike along *Creek Bottom Trail*. Hikes depart from the *West Side Trailhead Parking Lot* on the hour from 9am to 11am.
- Hike up to *Rim Rock Trail* to watch TVs soaring and to view them through a spotting scope; departing hourly on the half hour from 9:30am-12:30pm.  
*Meet at the junction of Creek Bottom and Homestead Trails.*



## 2005 Spring Count Field Trips

### *Thursday, May 5*

#### Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Bob Brown, 303-791-6204. Meet at 0700 at Marina on west side (near Cherry Creek high school) of Cherry Creek State Park.

### *Friday, May 6*

#### Lower Bear Creek

Leader: Tamie Bulow, 303-462-1238. Meet at 0700 in front of Albertson's, northwest quadrant, South Sheridan Blvd. and Hampden.

#### Cherokee Ranch

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 303-757-7000. Must register with leader in advance.

### *Saturday, May 7*

#### Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler, 303-278-8035. Meet at 0630 at Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory. Exit I-76 at Bromely Lane; go east about ¼ mile and turn right (south) on Lark Bunting Lane, to end of road. This is a ten-mile, all-day hike around the lake. State Parks pass required.

#### Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748. Meet at 0600 at West (Deer Creek) entrance to park. State Parks Pass required.

Waterton, downstream. 4-5 mile hike. Wear long pants (not shorts) due to bare-leg-unfriendly plants such as poison ivy, thistles, and knapweed. Leader: Hugh Kingery, 303-814-2723.

Meet at 0600 at Discovery Pavilion (left turn immediately after turning from Wadsworth (Colo. 121) onto Waterton/Roxborough road and before the DOW parking lot for Waterton Canyon)

### *Sunday May 8*

#### Barr Lake periphery

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet at 0700 on access road to entrance station at Barr Lake State Park. This trip does not involve much walking and will be good for people with limited mobility or stamina.

#### Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz, 303-680-338. Meet at 0630 at old entrance. From CO 86, 0.5 miles west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Road, go two miles to old entrance. State Parks pass required.

#### Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Urling Kingery, 303-814-2723. Must register with leader in advance.

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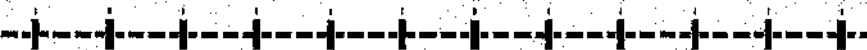
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Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct: Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, [delane@pcisys.net](mailto:delane@pcisys.net)

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Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Allison Hilf [ahilf@aol.com](mailto:ahilf@aol.com) and Meredith Anderson, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, [kimmer815@aol.com](mailto:kimmer815@aol.com)

! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations.

Our web [www.dfobirders.org](http://www.dfobirders.org) lists current field trip schedules that you can download. Changes to trip schedules will be posted on the site.

## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings:** Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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## DFO Field Trips for June 2005

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Saturday and Sunday, June 4-5 Steamboat Springs Area

Leader: Allison Hilf (303) 888-5110

Trips will be offered in the Steamboat Springs area both Saturday and Sunday. You have the option of either day, or both. We will join local Steamboat Springs birders, visiting Lake Catamount, Stagecoach Reservoir, Steamboat Lake, Carpenter Ranch, and other locations in the Yampa Valley/Hayden region. Sharp-tailed Grouse, Greater Sage-Grouse, and Blue Grouse are all possible. We will look for nesting Sandhill Cranes, Long-eared Owls, Bobolinks, and much more. Call leader for meeting times and locations, as well as for advice on travel arrangements.

Saturday, June 11 Lyons Area

Leader: Raymond Davis (303) 823-5332

Meet leader at 0830 at Lyons Park-N-Ride: ½ block south of stoplight on main road through town (Hwy 266). We'll look for foothill species along Old South Road and watch for nesting bluebirds and swallows. There are 30 nest boxes on Davis' property. Trip involves minimal leisurely walking and property is accessible. Bring a lunch to enjoy on the deck. Trip will end around 2 PM.

Sunday, June 12 Pawnee Grasslands

Leader: Dick Pratt (303) 651-6860

Meet leader at 0730 at Park-N-Ride on SE corner I-25 and Highway 119. Look for riparian and grassland species. Mountain Plover is a possibility. Full day trip; bring lunch. Carpooling recommended.

Saturday, June 18 Alfred M. Bailey Nesting Area/Silverthorne

Leader: Norm Lewis (303) 988-5544

Meet leader at 0830 at Wendy's parking lot in Silverthorne. Excellent diversity of habitat (riparian, beaver meadows, willow, aspen, conifer) supports a wide variety of nesting birds. Three-toed Woodpecker a possibility. Full day trip with moderate hiking. Prepare for weather and bring lunch. Call Allison Hilf (303) 888-5110 for more information and/or to make any carpool arrangements from Denver.

Sunday, June 19 Bear Creek Descent

Leader: Mike Foster (303) 456-2647

Meet leader at 7 am in parking lot of Lair O'the Bear, west of Morrison on Hwy. 74. We'll hit some of the hotspots along Bear Creek. Half day plus. Bring water and snack.

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## June 2005 Field Trips, continued

Saturday, June 25

Upper Beaver Meadows at Rocky Mountain National Park

Leaders: Wayne and Dianna Johnston (303) 682-5662

Meet leaders at 0800 at Visitors Center. Entry Fee or Pass Required. Will look for rails, Northern Goshawk, Williamson's Sapsucker, nesting Bluebirds, Lincoln's Sparrow among others. Trip includes fairly easy hike of about 2 miles. Be prepared for weather conditions and bring lunch, water and snacks; ¾ day trip.

Saturday, June 25

Hack Ranch

Leaders: Carol Hack (303) 777-7893 and Kathy Hawkins (303) 969-8909

Meet leaders at 0830 on US 285 across from gas station in Jefferson, CO. Nesting Tree Swallows, Eared Grebes, Pine Grosbeaks and more. All-day trip; bring lunch.

Sunday, June 26

Cherry Creek State Park

Leader: Mary Burger (303) 771-3431

Meet leader at 0730 at west entrance gate. Go east on Union Ave from Yosemite St. past Cherry Creek High School. We will look for nesting Virginia Rails, Swainson's Hawk and more. Half day trip.

Scheduled by Allison Hilf and Meredith Anderson

### News from the Angus and Dundee Bird Club (our Scottish twin club)

Tayside Bird Report, April 2005 from Bob McCurley



**HIGHLIGHTS:** A Little Stint (1st. Spring record for Angus ) at Forfar 25th.

Male Garganey seen at Redcastle Hide 19<sup>th</sup>; Great Grey Shrike at Glen Esk on 11th. A Red Kite was reported from Balgavies Loch on 17th. An Iceland Gull 1st. winter was at the Montrose Basin on 19th. The first Swift was seen on the 28th at Balgavies Loch. An uncommon Spring Green Sandpiper was at Lunan Water on 17th. A Black Necked Grebe was seen at Loch of Lintrathen on 4th. An early Swallow was seen at Pugeston on 2nd. A Spotted Redshank was at the Lurgies on 28th. Two Little Plover passed thru the county. Montrose Basin 2,100 Pinkfeet Geese on 11th., a Marsh Harrier hunted the reserve on 19t. 2 Ospreys were seen daily from centre, Waders seen were Spotted Redshank, Green Sandpiper, Turnstones, Grey Plover. Six Common Tern on 24<sup>th</sup> and 47 Black Tailed Godwits. Waterfowl present were, 20 Pintail, 21 Scaup, 160 Wigeon, 6 Golden Eye and 13 Red Breasted Mergansers. Also on the reserve were 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, Grey Partridge, and Water Rail.

#### Other Sites

Glen Esk: 5 Ring Ouzels, 15 Wheatears, 1 Early Cuckoo, 5 Redstarts, 40 Redpolls, 3 Common Sandpipers all on the 20th. Rescobie Loch: 80 Little Gulls, 70 Sand Martinson the 6th. Forfar Loch: 2 Ruddy Ducks, 1 Sedge Warbler, 2 Blackcaps on the 24th. Den O, Mains: 1 Blackcap, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Jay all on the 17th. Loch Lee: 2 Ring Ouzels. Monikie Island Pond: 4 Little Gulls, 2 Pintails (rare inland) on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Craigmil Den: 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Willow Warbler on 19th. Redcastle Hide: 26 Pinkfeet, (close in) 1 Grey Plover, 24 Sandwich Terns. Kilry Hill: 1 Black Grouse 1 Raven on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Lunan Bay: 11 Whooper Swans, 17 Long-tailed Ducks, 6 Common Scoter, 8 Razorbills all on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Tealing Area: 2 Barn Owls seen on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

For help on where those locations are, or more information, email Veronica Holt [veronicaholt@comcast.net](mailto:veronicaholt@comcast.net) or Bob McCurley at [lunanbay@onetel.com](mailto:lunanbay@onetel.com)

## Field Trip Summaries, April 2005

April 2, Saturday

*South Platte Park (SOU)*

Leader(s): Dee DeJong. Observers: Barbara Boardman, Bill Eden, Marvin Coleman, Mary Ellen Sargent, Bob Bethel, Bob DeBoer, Oveta DeBoer, Linda McCandless (FL), Mike Barber, Rose Barber, Anne Southcott, Marion Draughon, Mary Ewing. Time: 0800-1030. Distance: 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, prairie, cottonwood forest, wetlands, elevation 5200'. Weather: Overcast, 42-55°F, east wind, 4-7 mph. Totals: 33 species, 253 individuals.

April 3, Sunday

*Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Sue Schulman. Observers: Mary Burger, Alison Donnelly, Christy Honnen, Charles Metzger, Mary Metzger, Fern Prosnity, Margaret Smith, Bob Rohwedder. Time: 0715-1130. Distance: 1.5 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Reservoir, riparian, field, elevation 6000'. Weather: Overcast, 37-63°F, southwest wind, 13-18 mph. Totals: 27 species, 338 individuals.

April 9, Saturday

*Longmont Area (LON)*

Leader(s): Larry and Roni Wilson. Observers: Warren Finch, Jim Fisher, Gordon Hodgson, Wayne Johnston, Dick Pratt, Trish Schumacher, Lynn Solomon. Time: 0730-1630. Distance: 66 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Ponds, fields, riparian, agricultural wetlands, elevation 5000'. Weather: Partly cloudy, 29-65°F, west-northwest wind. Totals: 64 species, 3503 individuals.

April 10, Sunday

*Barr Lake State Park (BAR)* Cancelled due to snow and high winds.

April 16, Saturday

*Walden Ponds (WAL)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. Observers: Dave Balogh, Susan Barnhart, Inga Brennan, Karol Buckley, Nan and Steve Campbell, Paul Carey, Bill Eden, Gordon Hodgson, Betty and Don Minges, Nina Routh. Time: 0830-1130. Distance: 45 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Wetlands, grasslands, riparian. Weather: Clear, warm. Totals: 44 species, 255 individuals.

April 17, Sunday

*Wheat Ridge Green Belt (WHE)*

Leader(s): Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Tamie Bulow, Alison Donnelly, Marion Draughon, Mary Ewing, Jim Fischer, Leslie Gerard, Steve McKinney, Neil Montague, Richard Sheppard, Kathryn and Steve Smith, Suzanne Sullivan, Mary Ann Tavery. Time: 0800-1145. Distance: 1.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, lake, creek, elevation 5400'. Weather: Pleasant, partial overcast, 55-65°F, no wind. Totals: 45 species, 519 individuals.

April 23, Saturday

*Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR (ROC)*

Leader(s): Dave Rhoades. Observers: Jean Alden, John Alden, Bob Bucknam, Nan Campbell, Steve Campbell, Jean Dorman (NY), Mary Ellen Sargeant, Trish Schumacher, Mary Stallings. Time: 0800-1300. Distance: 13 miles by car. Habitat: Prairie, lakes, woodlands, elevation 5250'. Weather: Partly cloudy, 50-60°F. Totals: 60 species, 529 individuals.

April 24, Sunday

*St Vrain and Platte Rivers to Lower Latham and Bebee Draw (STV)*

Leader(s): Dick Pratt. Observers: Chuck Lowrie. Time: 0830-1700. Distance: 60 miles by car. Habitat: Riparian and ponds, elevation 4500-4950'. Weather: Cloudy to drizzle rain, 40-63°F, north wind, 20 mph. Totals: 65 species, 2128 individuals.

April 30, Saturday

*Parker Regional Park (PAR)*

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. Observers: Sue Barnhart, Marilyn Binkley, Mary Burger, Jim and Jean Fredland, Ellie Jones, Jim and Kathy Miller, Nina Routh. Time: 0730-1200. Distance: .5 mile by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Riparian, reservoirs, suburban, elevation 5900'. Weather: Clear early am, overcast late am, 35-50°F, wind south changing to north, 0-15 mph. Totals: 61 species, 508 individuals.

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## Field Trip Summaries April 2005, continued

### Tuesday Birders

April 5 *Trip cancelled due to inclement weather*

April 12 *South Platte Park (SOU)*

Leader(s): Else Van Erp. Observers: 22. Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Gravel ponds, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, bicycle trail, elevation 5600'. Weather: Sunny, 40-50°F, south wind, 0-5 mph. Totals: 43 species, 141 individuals.

April 19 *Hawk Watch at Dinosaur Ridge, Matthews/Winters & Red Rocks Parks (HAW)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 31. Time: 0900-1300. Distance: 5 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, transitional zone with juniper and ponderosa pine, shrubland and city park, elevation 5700-6600'. Weather: Partly sunny, 50-60°F, southeast wind, 0-10 mph. Totals: 29 species, 104 individuals.

April 26 *Waterton Canyon (WAT)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 32. Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Plains, riparian, grassland, cottonwood, willow, rock outcrop, elevation 5400'. Weather: Partly cloudy, 52-60°F, variable wind, 0-10 mph. Totals: 38 species, 98 individuals.

## Additional Reports, April 2005

| Species               | Dates     | Number seen      | Location                         | County    | Observers & notes                               |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Greater Scaup         | 4/6       | 5m 4 f           | Chatfield Reservoir              | Jefferson | Joey Kellner                                    |
| Greater Scaup         | 4/17      | 9                | Thurston Reservoir               | Prowers   | Glen Walbek & Joey Kellner                      |
| Greater Scaup         | 4/29      | 1m 2 f           | North of Hwy 194 on Rd 5.5 ponds | Bent      | Glen Walbek, Joey Kellner, Joe Roller           |
| Long-tailed Duck      | 4/17      | 1 f winter plum. | Thurston Reservoir               | Prowers   | Glen Walbek & Joey Kellner                      |
| Tricolored Heron      | 4/29      | 1                | Along US 50 Verhoeff Res.        | Bent      | Glen Walbek, Joey Kellner, Joe Roller           |
| Broad-winged Hawk     | 4/23      | 1                | Chatfield Reservoir              | Douglas   | Steve Stachowiak, Joey Kellner, Paul Differding |
| Broad-winged Hawk     | 4/23      | 1                | Castlewood Canyon SP             | Douglas   | Urling and Hugh Kingery                         |
| Piping Plover         | 4/17      | 1                | Lake Cheraw                      | Otero     | Glen Walbek & Joey Kellner                      |
| Piping Plover         | 4/29      | 1                | Along US 50 Verhoeff Res.        | Bent      | Glen Walbek, Joey Kellner, Joe Roller           |
| White-winged Dove     | 4/16      | 1                | McElmo Canyon near Cortez        | Montezuma | Urling and Hugh Kingery                         |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl | all month | 1                | Franktown                        | Douglas   | Urling and Hugh Kingery                         |
| Eastern Phoebe        | 4/17      | 1                | Lamar behind Com. College        | Prowers   | Glen Walbek & Joey Kellner                      |
| Carolina Wren         | 4/17      | 1                | Lamar behind Com. College        | Prowers   | Glen Walbek & Joey Kellner                      |
| Winter Wren           | 4/29      | 1 singing!       | Two Buttes Reservoir             | Baca      | Glen Walbek, Joey Kellner, Joe Roller           |
| Eastern Bluebird      | 4/7       | 2f               | Belmar Park                      | Jefferson | Bob Spencer                                     |
| Townsend's Solitaire  | 4/25      | 1                | Wheat Ridge Greenbelt            | Jefferson | Bob Spencer                                     |
| Townsend's Warbler    | 4/29      | 1f               | Two Buttes Reservoir             | Baca      | Glen Walbek, Joey Kellner, Joe Roller           |
| Palm Warbler          | 4/29      | 1 "western" race | Two Buttes Reservoir             | Baca      | Glen Walbek, Joey Kellner, Joe Roller           |
| Chipping Sparrow      | 4/8       | 1                | Franktown                        | Douglas   | Urling and Hugh Kingery                         |
| Field Sparrow         | 4/24      | 1                | Lamar behind High Sch.           | Prowers   | Paul Differding, Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence |
| Lapland Longspur      | 4/10      | 1                | Chatfield Reservoir              | Douglas   | Joey Kellner                                    |
| Bullock's Oriole      | 4/29      | 6                | Two Buttes Reservoir             | Baca      | Glen Walbek, Joey Kellner, Joe Roller           |
| Osprey                | 4/13      | 15               | Lathrop SP Horseshoe Lake        | Huerfano  | Urling and Hugh Kingery (Yes, that's fifteen!)  |

Jennifer Lynch is the DFO new Additional Reports Editor, replacing a traveling/birding Elna Cain. Welcome Jennifer and Elna stay in touch and good birding! Jennifer can be reached at [jlynch73@yahoo.com](mailto:jlynch73@yahoo.com).

## Field Trip Summary Table, April 2005

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | DFO FIELD TRIPS |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | TUESDAY BIRDERS |     |     |     | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
|                             | 2               | 3   | 9   | 10  | 16  | 17  | 23  | 24  | 30  | 5               | 12  | 19  | 26  |       |
|                             | SOU             | CHA | LON | BAR | WAL | WHE | ROC | STV | PAR | -               | SOU | HAW | WAT |       |
| Pied-billed Grebe           | 1               |     | 7   |     | 5   | 2   | 2   | 5   |     |                 | 2   |     |     | 24    |
| Horned Grebe                |                 |     | 11  |     |     |     |     | 1   | 1   |                 |     |     |     | 13    |
| Eared Grebe                 | 2               |     |     |     |     |     | 2   | 2   |     |                 |     |     |     | 6     |
| Western Grebe               |                 |     | 65  |     |     |     | 12  | 101 | 10  |                 |     |     |     | 188   |
| Clark's Grebe               |                 |     | 5   |     |     |     |     | 1   | 3   |                 |     |     |     | 9     |
| American White Pelican      |                 | 7   | 22  |     |     |     |     | 135 |     |                 | 1   |     |     | 165   |
| Double-crested Cormorant    | 1               | 3   | 95  |     | 2   | 55  | 5   | 36  |     |                 | 4   |     |     | 201   |
| Great Blue Heron            | 3               | 4   | 105 |     | 5   | 10  | 2   | 27  | 1   |                 | 1   |     | 1   | 159   |
| Great Egret                 |                 |     | 11  |     |     |     |     | 29  |     |                 |     |     |     | 40    |
| Snowy Egret                 |                 |     |     |     |     | 2   | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron   |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4   |                 |     |     |     | 4     |
| White-faced Ibis            |                 |     |     |     |     |     | 3   | 35  |     |                 |     |     |     | 38    |
| Turkey Vulture              | 2               |     | 5   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 3   | 6   | 1   | 17    |
| Canada Goose                | 30              | 30  | 125 |     | 29  | 90  | 25  | 54  | 8   |                 | 10  |     | 4   | 405   |
| Wood Duck                   | 3               |     |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |                 | 4   |     |     | 9     |
| Gadwall                     | 14              |     | 86  |     | 2   | 15  | 36  | 58  | 22  |                 | 5   |     |     | 238   |
| American Wigeon             | 4               |     | 43  |     | 5   | 7   | 4   | 6   |     |                 | 1   |     |     | 70    |
| Mallard                     | 19              | 12  | 73  |     | 8   | 35  | 14  | 45  | 21  |                 | 5   | 2   | 6   | 240   |
| Blue-winged Teal            |                 |     | 6   |     | 9   | 4   | 6   | 29  | 20  |                 |     |     |     | 74    |
| Cinnamon Teal               |                 |     | 13  |     | 10  |     | 2   | 60  |     |                 |     |     |     | 85    |
| Northern Shoveler           |                 |     | 135 |     | 5   | 8   | 26  | 34  | 16  |                 | 1   |     |     | 225   |
| Northern Pintail            |                 |     |     |     |     |     | 4   | 18  |     |                 |     |     |     | 22    |
| Green-winged Teal           | 4               |     | 13  |     | 3   |     | 6   | 22  | 6   |                 |     |     |     | 54    |
| Canvasback                  |                 |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| Redhead                     | 8               |     | 78  |     | 2   | 2   | 18  | 12  | 2   |                 |     |     |     | 122   |
| Ring-necked Duck            |                 |     | 102 |     | 12  | 8   | 6   | 24  | 20  |                 | 1   |     |     | 173   |
| Lesser Scaup                |                 |     | 45  |     |     | 9   | 20  | 63  | 10  |                 |     |     |     | 147   |
| Bufflehead                  |                 |     | 67  |     | 8   | 3   | 12  | 5   | 10  |                 | 2   |     |     | 107   |
| Common Goldeneye            | 2               |     | 31  |     |     | 4   | 10  | 1   | 2   |                 |     |     |     | 50    |
| Hooded Merganser            |                 |     | 4   |     |     | 3   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 7     |
| Common Merganser            |                 | 1   | 31  |     |     |     | 12  |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 44    |
| Red-breasted Merganser      | 1               |     | 92  |     |     | 1   |     | 18  |     |                 |     |     |     | 112   |
| Ruddy Duck                  |                 |     |     |     |     |     | 26  | 8   | 12  |                 |     |     |     | 46    |
| Osprey                      |                 |     | 6   |     | 1   |     |     |     | 1   |                 |     |     |     | 8     |
| Bald Eagle                  |                 |     | 6   |     |     |     | 3   | 4   |     |                 |     |     |     | 13    |
| Northern Harrier            |                 |     | 2   |     | 1   |     |     | 4   |     |                 |     |     |     | 7     |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk          | 1               |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |                 |     | 4   |     | 6     |
| Cooper's Hawk               | 1               |     |     |     |     | 2   | 1   |     | 1   |                 | 1   | 3   |     | 9     |
| Swainson's Hawk             |                 |     | 5   |     |     |     | 6   | 16  | 2   |                 |     |     |     | 29    |
| Red-tailed Hawk             | 1               | 1   | 22  |     | 1   |     | 5   | 9   | 4   |                 | 2   | 4   | 1   | 50    |
| Rough-legged Hawk           |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 0     |
| buteo sp.                   |                 |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Golden Eagle                |                 |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     | 1   | 1   | 4     |
| American Kestrel            |                 |     | 55  |     | 1   | 2   | 5   | 5   | 2   |                 | 1   | 3   |     | 74    |
| Merlin                      |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     | 1     |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        |                 |     | 2   |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Wild Turkey                 |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4   |     |                 |     |     |     | 4     |

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

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|                               | SOU             | CHA  | LON  | BAR | WAL | WHE | ROC | STV | PAR | -               | SOU | HAW | WAT |       |
| American Coot                 | 11              |      | 1313 |     |     | 10  | 43  | 107 | 2   |                 | 1   |     |     | 1487  |
| Killdeer                      | 1               | 10   | 35   |     | 5   | 2   | 4   | 19  | 3   |                 | 5   |     |     | 84    |
| American Avocet               |                 |      | 24   |     |     |     | 9   | 72  |     |                 |     |     |     | 105   |
| Greater Yellowlegs            |                 |      | 3    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Lesser Yellowlegs             |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     | 6   | 3   |                 |     |     |     | 9     |
| Solitary Sandpiper            |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     |     | 2   |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| Willet                        |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     | 1   | 3   |                 |     |     |     | 4     |
| Spotted Sandpiper             |                 |      |      |     |     |     | 1   |     | 2   |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Marbled Godwit                |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     | 11  | 1   |                 |     |     |     | 12    |
| Western Sandpiper             |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     |     | 3   |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Long-billed Dowitcher         |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     | 20  |     |                 |     |     |     | 20    |
| Wilson's Snipe                |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     | 4   | 2   |                 | 4   |     |     | 10    |
| Wilson's Phalarope            |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     | 78  |     |                 |     |     |     | 78    |
| Franklin's Gull               |                 |      | 55   |     |     |     |     | 33  |     |                 |     |     |     | 88    |
| Ring-billed Gull              | 4               | 25   | 47   |     | 1   | 4   |     | 10  | 2   |                 |     |     |     | 93    |
| California Gull               |                 | 2    | 1    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Herring Gull                  |                 | 2    |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| gull sp.                      |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     | 1     |
| Rock Pigeon                   |                 |      |      |     | 2   | 12  |     | 9   | 12  |                 | 8   | 1   | 4   | 48    |
| Eurasian Collared-dove        |                 |      | 1    |     |     |     |     | 4   |     |                 |     |     |     | 5     |
| Mourning Dove                 |                 |      |      |     | 7   | 4   | 11  | 25  | 16  |                 | 1   |     | 1   | 65    |
| Barn Owl                      |                 |      |      |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Great Horned Owl              |                 | 2    | 7    |     | 1   |     | 6   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 16    |
| Burrowing Owl                 |                 |      |      |     |     |     | 12  | 4   |     |                 |     |     |     | 16    |
| White-throated Swift          |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     | 11  | 5   | 16    |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird      |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 2   | 2     |
| Belted Kingfisher             | 3               | 3    | 4    |     | 2   | 6   | 1   | 2   | 1   |                 | 2   |     | 1   | 25    |
| Downy Woodpecker              | 1               |      |      |     | 2   | 6   | 1   |     | 1   |                 | 2   | 1   | 2   | 16    |
| Hairy Woodpecker              |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 0     |
| Northern Flicker              | 9               | 12   | 11   |     | 4   | 6   | 7   | 2   | 9   |                 | 6   |     | 3   | 68    |
| "Red-shafted" race            |                 | (12) |      |     |     | (6) |     |     | (9) |                 |     |     |     | (27)  |
| Buff-breasted Flycatcher      |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 0     |
| Say's Phoebe                  |                 |      |      |     |     |     | 2   |     | 4   |                 |     | 4   |     | 10    |
| Western Kingbird              |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     | 1   |     | 1     |
| Loggerhead Shrike             |                 |      |      |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Blue Jay                      |                 |      | 4    |     | 2   | 3   | 1   |     | 1   |                 | 1   |     |     | 12    |
| Western Scrub-Jay             |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     | 1   | 1   | 2     |
| Black-billed Magpie           | 5               | 5    | 9    |     | 6   | 4   | 5   | 3   | 1   |                 | 2   |     |     | 40    |
| American Crow                 |                 | 10   | 6    |     | 7   | 3   |     |     |     |                 | 1   | 1   | 1   | 29    |
| Common Raven                  |                 |      | 4    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 1   | 3   | 1   | 9     |
| Horned Lark                   |                 | 1    | 18   |     |     |     | 3   | 1   |     |                 |     |     |     | 23    |
| Tree Swallow                  |                 |      |      |     | 6   |     | 14  |     | 18  |                 |     |     |     | 38    |
| Violet-green Swallow          |                 |      |      |     | 4   |     |     |     |     |                 | 6   | 10  | 10  | 30    |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow |                 |      |      |     | 2   | 2   |     |     | 4   |                 |     |     |     | 8     |
| Cliff Swallow                 |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     | 50  |     |                 |     |     |     | 50    |
| Barn Swallow                  |                 |      | 7    |     | 1   |     |     | 5   | 30  |                 |     |     |     | 43    |
| swallow sp.                   |                 |      |      |     |     | 5   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 5     |
| Black-capped Chickadee        | 2               | 4    |      |     | 3   | 5   |     |     | 6   |                 | 1   | 6   | 5   | 32    |
| Bushit                        |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     | 6   |     | 6     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch       | 1               |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 1   | 2     |
| Canyon Wren                   |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     | 2   | 5   | 7     |
| House Wren                    |                 |      |      |     |     |     | 3   |     |     |                 |     |     | 2   | 5     |
| American Dipper               |                 |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 2   | 2     |

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# Field Trip Summary Table April 2005, continued

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | DFO FIELD TRIPS                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | TUESDAY BIRDERS |           |           |           | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|                             | 2<br>SOU                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3<br>CHA | 9<br>LON | 10<br>BAR | 16<br>WAL | 17<br>WHE | 23<br>ROC | 24<br>STV | 30<br>PAR | 5<br>SOU        | 12<br>HAW | 19<br>WAT | 26<br>WAT |       |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher       |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           |           | 1         |           | 2         |                 |           |           | 2         | 5     |
| Mountain Bluebird           |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 7        |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |                 | 6         |           |           | 14    |
| Townsend's Solitaire        |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          | 1        |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |                 |           |           | 2         | 4     |
| American Robin              | 12                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 105      |          |           | 20        | 24        | 10        |           | 32        |                 | 15        | 5         | 1         | 224   |
| European Starling           | 57                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 70       | 175      |           | 10        | 50        | 36        | 109       | 8         |                 | 1         |           | 10        | 526   |
| American Pipit              |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           |           |           |           | 10        |                 |           |           |           | 10    |
| Cedar Waxwing               |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          | 6        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 6     |
| Orange-crowned Warbler      |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |                 |           |           | 1         | 2     |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler       |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           | 15        |           |           | 43        |                 | 1         | 3         | 2         | 64    |
| "Myrtle" race               |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           |           |           |           | 8         |                 |           | 2         |           | (10)  |
| "Audubon's" race            |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           |           |           |           | 35        |                 |           |           |           | (35)  |
| Wilson's Warbler            |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           | 1         |           | 1     |
| Green-tailed Towhee         |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           | 2         |           | 2     |
| Spotted Towhee              |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2        |          |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |           | 7         | 10    |
| American Tree Sparrow       |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           | 9         |           | 9     |
| Chipping Sparrow            |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           | 1         |           | 2         |           | 3         |                 |           |           |           | 6     |
| Lark Sparrow                |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| Song Sparrow                | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2        | 8        |           | 12        | 7         | 2         | 6         | 7         |                 | 7         | 1         | 2         | 59    |
| White-crowned Sparrow       |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          | 56       |           | 4         | 3         | 16        | 8         | 22        |                 |           |           | 2         | 111   |
| "Gambel's" race             |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           |           |           |           | 22        |                 |           |           |           | (22)  |
| Dark-eyed Junco             |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1        |          |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |                 | 2         | 2         |           | 6     |
| "Gray-headed" race          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | (1)      |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | (1)   |
| Black-headed Grosbeak       |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 1     |
| Lazuli Bunting              |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 1     |
| Red-winged Blackbird        | 17                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10       | 130      |           | 25        | 35        | 12        | 137       | 36        |                 | 4         |           |           | 406   |
| Western Meadowlark          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                           |          | 40       |           | 7         |           | 36        | 20        | 8         |                 | 2         | 4         | 1         | 121   |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird     |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          | 52       |           |           |           |           | 189       |           |                 |           |           |           | 241   |
| Brewer's Blackbird          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           |           | 2         | 160       |           |                 |           |           |           | 162   |
| Common Grackle              |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          | 78       |           | 8         | 25        | 8         | 29        | 16        |                 | 1         |           |           | 165   |
| Great-tailed Grackle        |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          | 4        |           |           |           |           | 20        |           |                 |           |           |           | 24    |
| Brown-headed Cowbird        |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           | 2         | 1         |           |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 4     |
| Bullock's Oriole            |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 1     |
| House Finch                 | 10                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1        | 11       |           | 2         | 1         |           | 10        | 1         |                 | 14        | 6         | 2         | 58    |
| Lesser Goldfinch            |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           | 1         | 1     |
| American Goldfinch          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 6        |          |           | 2         | 15        |           |           | 12        |                 |           |           |           | 35    |
| House Sparrow               | 15                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          | 20       |           |           | 6         |           | 102       |           |                 | 1         | 1         | 2         | 147   |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS           | 253                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 338      | 3503     | 0         | 255       | 519       | 529       | 2128      | 508       | 0               | 141       | 104       | 98        | 8,376 |
| TOTAL SPECIES               | 33                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 27       | 64       | 0         | 44        | 45        | 60        | 65        | 61        | 0               | 43        | 29        | 38        | 125   |
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## Welcome New Members

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Nancy Dunkle—Thank you Nancy, our programs can function because of help from people like you.

## Audubon Front Page (Woodpecker) News

### AMERICA'S FORESTS AND WILDLIFE ARE AGAIN IN JEOPARDY

#### *Audubon Calls Attention to Contradiction Between Administration's Pro-Woodpecker and Anti-Trees Policies*

Washington, DC, May 5, 2005 - Today, the Administration announced a new rule that would strip protection from 60 million acres of America's most pristine public forests, exposing them to logging, road building, and other development. This is in great contrast to announcements made last week regarding the Administration's intention to protect the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, a forest-dwelling bird once thought extinct that was rediscovered in a large tract of bottomland forest in Arkansas. The Ivory-billed Woodpecker and a variety of other woodpeckers require large tracts of unfragmented forest for their survival. Unwise forests practices in the past brought the Ivory-billed to the brink of extinction and now the Administration seems willing to take that risk again for many other species.

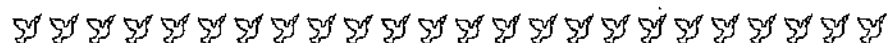
"To protect woodpeckers without protecting trees would be a neat trick," said Bob Perciasepe, Chief Operating Officer of the National Audubon Society. "America was ready to unite around the inspiring story of the Ivory-Billed Woodpecker, and to support a broader conservation agenda for the nation's birds and wildlife. Americans' hopes have again been deflated by an Administration that consistently attacks the environment and has no intention of protecting America's forests."

Initiated during the Clinton Administration, the "roadless rule" was finalized in January 2001, after three years of scientific review. Several lawsuits were filed against the rule, which prompted the Bush Administration to suggest that the rule be repealed and replaced with a voluntary process. Today, the Bush Administration announced a final rule change that creates a voluntary conservation process, whereby individual governors can petition the federal government to manage roadless areas as they see fit. This weakens the original intent of the "roadless rule" drastically, and opens up the potential for logging and road building in America's most pristine national forests.

"The Ivory-billed Woodpecker is only one example of the many species of birds and wildlife that make their homes in our forests," said Perciasepe, "We hope, in time, that today's decision will be reversed."



*Wilson, Alexander, 1766-1813. American ornithology, or, The natural history of the birds of the United States.*



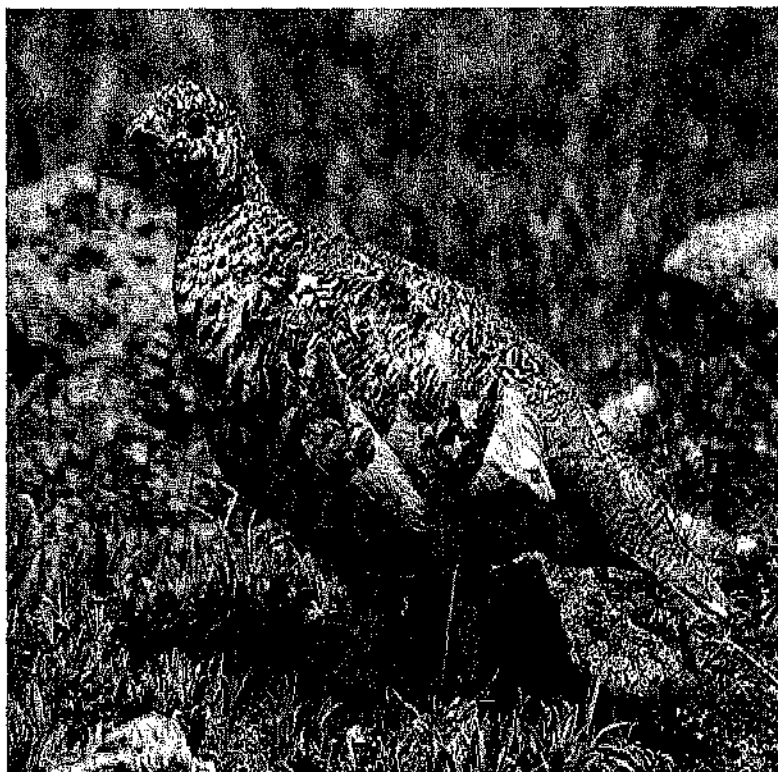


## DFO's 2005 Ptarmigan Award Winner

Those of you who have been members of DFO for any length of time know we have a special award, our highest honor, for a member who has shown commitment to the organization, by serving as an officer, editor, trip coordinator, leader of weekly field trips or any other volunteer capacity. He or she may also work toward the advancement of bird study in Colorado by teaching classes, writing field guides, compiling and writing reports which are published.

Our Ptarmigan award winner has been a member of DFO since 1979 and served on the Board of Directors from 1984-1987, Vice President from 1996-1998. In 1989 he was chosen by the late Jack Reddall to take over the Chair of the Denver Christmas Bird Count. He is still Chair. He reorganized the individual count areas in 1995.

He is one of the three RBA coordinators and works continuously to keep the alert up to date by using phone reports and email. He is an active field trip leader, member of Colorado Field Ornithologists and served on the CFO Birds Records Committee from 1991-1997. He served as Regional Coordinator of the Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas from 1987-1994 and discovered Colorado's first Red-faced Warbler in the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt on 1993.



*White-tailed Ptarmigan, Photo by Bill Schmoker*

His record of service to the DFO since joining in 1979 has been nearly continuous and remarkable. In the past 20 years, he has amassed an admirable record of contributions to the Colorado birding community. At the May DFO meeting, President Toni Rautus presented Dick Schottler with the 2005 Ptarmigan Award.

Congratulations!

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Regular individual or family membership is \$20.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month should contact the Treasurer (Christy Honnen, 303.290.6187) as she usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing. Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month of issue. The Editors reserve the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement.

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Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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### Upcoming Field Trips

Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct: Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, [delane@pcisys.net](mailto:delane@pcisys.net)

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Our web [www.dfobirders.org](http://www.dfobirders.org) lists current field trip schedules that you can download. Changes to trip schedules will be posted on the site.

## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings:** Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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## July Field Trips

Saturday, July 2

*Lair o' the Bear and Mt. Falcon*

Leader: Norm Lewis (303-988-5544)

Meet leader at 0700 at Lair o' the Bear parking lot, 4 miles west of Morrison on Colo. 74. Good birds, no bears. Bring lunch; 3/4-day trip.

Sunday, July 3

*Golden Gate State Park*

Leader: Randy Lentz (303-680-3387)

Meet at 0700 at the park's visitor center. Lunch optional. Nesting mountain species. State Parks Pass needed.

Saturday, July 9

*Rocky Mountain National Park*

Leaders: Bob Righter (303-692-8529)

Meet leader at 0800 at visitors' center, east of Beaver Meadows Entrance on U.S. 36. Target birds: Goshawk, White-tailed Ptarmigan. National Parks Pass required. 3/4-day trip; bring lunch. Will plan to be back to parking lot at 0300.

Sunday, July 10

*Chimney Gulch, west of Golden*

Leaders: Mike Foster (303-456-2647)

Meet at 0715 at trailhead just south of intersection of U.S. 6 with Colo. 93 and 58, at first obvious parking area on right. Round-trip hike about 4 miles on trails; elevation gain about 1,000 ft. Variety of habitats, variety of birds.

Saturday, July 16

*Genesee Mountain area*

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (303-233-4947)

Call Patty for meeting details. Families of foothill birds should be observed. Good trip for new birders.

Sunday, July 17

*Deer Creek Canyon and Myer Ranch*

Leader: J.B. Hayes (303-798-9683)

Meet at 0700 at S. Wadsworth and Deer Creek Canyon Rd. (first light south of C-470 on S. Wadsworth). Bring lunch. Trip should end mid-afternoon. Last year's trip tallied 54 species.

Saturday, July 23

*Filius Park—Echo and Summitt Lakes*

Leader: Lynn Willcockson (303-757-7000)

Meet at 0730 at Filius Park. Go west on I-70 to Evergreen exit, then to first Bergen Park exit and right to Filius Park. Full day of birding. Bring lunch and water. Mt. Evans has \$6 per car fee. Golden Eagle Pass may be used.

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## June 2005 Field Trips, continued

Sunday, July 24                      Gregory Canyon-Boulder area

**Leader: Gregg Goodrich (303-655-9135)**

Meet at 0730 in Boulder at corner of Baseline Rd. and Cherryvale Rd. (Bobolink Trailhead). Exit U.S. 36 at Foothills Parkway, then go about 1 mile to Baseline Rd. Turn right to Cherryvale (about 1 mile). Lunch optional. Parking fee at Gregory Canyon, so let's carpool. Found Boblinks right away last year.

Saturday, July 30 *Lyons and Foothills*

Leader: Ray Davis (303-823-5332)

Meet at 0830 at Lyons Park and Ride to carpool (half block south of only traffic light in town). Bring lunch. Good chance for three kinds of hummingbirds and maybe pinyon jays. Bring camera! Davis has 29 bird houses.

Sunday, July 31 *Rocky Mountain National Park (Upper Beaver Meadows Trail)*

**Leader: Deanna and Wayne Johnston (303-682-5662)**

Meet at 0800 at Beaver Meadows Visitor Center. 1 1/2 miles on easy trail, round trip. Possibilities are Goshawk, Lincoln's Sparrow, Williamson's Sapsucker, Mountain Bluebird (nesting species here). 3/4-day trip. National Parks Pass needed.

## Welcome New Members

ψ Craig F. Anderson, 6716 W. 79th Ave., Arvada, CO 80003, 303 431-0112

David M. and Joan W. Clark, 3655 County Road 210, P.O. Box 100, Poncha Springs, CO 81242, 719 539-7562

Julia Grundmeier, 20004 E. Terrace Drive, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126-2692

✓ Jennifer Lynch, P.O. Box 260354, Lakewood, CO 80226-0354

Pat McClearn, 444 Cherry Stret, Denver, CO, 80220, 303 322-1900

<sup>¶</sup> Janice & Chuck Mowry, 12474 W., 2nd Drive, Lakewood, CO 80228-5011, 303 989-3117

✓ Paul & Rosemary Reinhart (Anne & Elisabeth), 7035 Pike Court, Arvada, CO, 80007-7096, 303 716-9229

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## Field Trip Summaries, May 2005

**May 1, Sunday** *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)* Cancelled due to weather.

May 7, Saturday *Longmont Area (LON)*

Leader(s): Rich Mendez and Chris Owens. Observers: Elaine Coley, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Gordon Hodgson, Mary Ellen Sargent, Chuck Walters, Bill West, Larry and Roni Wilson. Time: 0700-1345. Distance: 40 miles by car. Habitat: Ponds, riparian, agricultural, elevation 5000-5200'. Weather: Cloudy to partly cloudy, 40-60°F, variable wind, 13-18 mph. Totals: 74 species, 1323 individuals.

**May 8, Sunday** *Welchester Tree Park, Belmar Park (WEL)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. Observers: Julie Beckwith, Kari Brandt, Inga Brennan, Mark Chavez, JoAnna Dewhurst, Diane Eskelson, Marta Foster, Barbara Jean Gard, Leslie Gerard, Veronica Holt, martin Masters, Steve Miller, Judy Sargent, Clayton Shriver, Pleas Stringer, Rob Wilson. Time: 0730-1100. Distance: 10 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Urban park, including riparian. Weather: Partly cloudy, warm. Totals: 50 species, 254 individuals.

May 13-15, Friday-Sunday *Bonnie State Park (BON)*

Leader(s): Bob Righter. Observers: Gail Campbell, Kathy and Jeff Dunning, Gordon Hodgson, Bill Kaempfer, John Vanderpoel. Weather: Overcast to clear, 40-78°F, wind 10-30 mph. Totals: 116 species, 2143 individuals.

## Field Trip Summaries, May 2005

May 14, Saturday

*Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Steve Kennedy. Observers: Lyn Graves, Pauline Ide, Debbie Kennedy, Carol Larsen, Martine Matzke, Mary Metzger, Toni Rautus, Carolyn Weichmann. Time: 0730-1500. Distance: 10 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. Habitat: Water, riparian, prairie, elevation 5300'. Weather: Clear, 40-60°F, west wind 0-10 mph. Totals: 77 species, 1214 individuals.

May 15, Sunday

*Pawnee National Grasslands, Lower Latham, Beebe Draw (PAW)*

Leader(s): Chris Owens and Richard Mendez. Observers: Mary and Joan Blumberg, Alison Donnelly, Larry Wilson. Time: 0600-1730. Distance: 132 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Shortgrass prairie, riparian, wetlands, elevation 4000'. Weather: Clear to partly cloudy, west-northwest wind, calm-10 mph. Totals: 88 species, 1558 individuals.

May 21, Saturday

*Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Ed Holub. Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Warren Finch, Mary Ellen Sargent. Time: 0730-1330. Distance: 15 miles by car, 1.75 miles on foot. Habitat: Lake, river riparian, plains, elevation 5700'. Weather: Sunny, warm, 55-87°F, south wind, 1-3 mph. Totals: 49 species, 423 individuals.

May 22, Sunday

*Lair O' the Bear Park (LAI)*

Leader(s): Karleen Schofield. Observers: Susan Bailey, Leslie Gerard, Fred Hager, Derek Hankins, Pauline Ida, Neil Montague, Sharon Montague, Colleen Nunn, Susan Osborn, Richard Sheppard, Mary Stallings. Time: 0730-1145. Distance: 2.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, open conifer woodland, elevation 7100'. Weather: Sunny, 55-75°F, east wind, 0-1 mph. Totals: 38 species, 202 individuals.

May 28, Saturday

*Rocky Mountain Arsenal (ROC)*

Leader(s): Dave Rhoades. Observers: Neil Bachman, Jill Bachman, Susan Chancellor, Allison Donnelly, Marion Dougan, Mary Ewing, Mary Stallings, Kathleen Stewart, Chuck Walters. Time: 0730-1230. Distance: 20 miles on foot, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Prairie, lakes, woodland, riparian, elevation 5250'. Weather: Partly cloudy, 60°F. Totals: 53 species, 415 individuals.

May 29, Sunday

*Chief Hosa - Stapleton Braille Trail (STA)*

Leader(s): Doris Cruze. Observers: Leslie Gerard, Pauline Ide, Marcia Millikan, Colleen Nunn, Paul Thayer, Phoebe Thayer. Time: 0800-1330. Distance: 43 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Conifer forests, mountain meadows and pond, elevation 6800-7000'. Weather: Overcast, foggy after 12noon, 45-50°F, north-northeast wind, 5-10 mph. Totals: 38 species, 212 individuals.

May 30, Monday

*Wheat Ridge Green Belt*

Leader(s): Jackie King. Observers: Nancy Dunkle, Pauline Ide, Rhody Keegan, Karleen Schofield, Anne Southcott, Sean Yates. Time: 0800-1300. Distance: 4 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian and suburban, elevation 5260'. Weather: Cloudy, overcast changing to rain, 48-66°F, east wind 5-10 mph. Totals: 45 species, 1176 individuals.

### **Tuesday Birders**

May 3

*Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WHE)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 39. Time: 0830-1200. Distance: 3.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Lakes, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, elevation 5386'. Weather: Mostly sunny, 48-60°F, southeast wind, 0-7 mph. Totals: 45 species, 392 individuals.

May 10

*Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 33 (two groups). Time: 0830-1230. Distance: 4 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Lake, reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, prairie, agriculture, elevation 5100'. Weather: Mostly sunny, 63-79°F, wind calm. Totals: 49 species, 321 individuals.

May 17

*Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 43. Time: 0830-1230. Distance: 15 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. Habitat: Large reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, open grassy areas, elevation 5430'. Weather: Mostly cloudy, 58-75°F, northwest wind, 5-25 mph. Totals: 44 species, 223 individuals.

May 24

*Lair O' The Bear Jeffco Open Space Park (LAI)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 34 (three groups). Time: 0830-1200. Distance: 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, cottonwood, willow, some ponderosa pine and blue spruce, elevation 6530'. Weather: Partly cloudy to cloudy, 68-73°F, west wind, 5-15 mph. Totals: 33 species, 205 individuals.

May 31

*Lower White Ranch (LOW)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 20. Time: 0830-1200. Distance: 2 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, cottonwood, willow, chokecherry, elevation 6150-6600'. Weather: Mostly sunny, 52-67°F, southwest wind, 0-5 mph. Totals: 35 species, 225 individuals.

## Additional Reports, May 2005

| Species                     | Dates   | Number seen | Location                            | County         | Observers & notes                                                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Green Heron                 | 5/6     | 1           | Two Buttes Reservoir                | Baca           | Joey Kellner, Ric Olson, Joe Roller, Glenn Walbek                                 |
| Green Heron                 | 5/22    | 1           | Florence River Park                 | Fremont        | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Tony Leukering                                   |
| Bald Eagle                  | 5/11    | 1 adult     | Neenoshe Reservoir                  | Kiowa          | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Starr Nicely                                     |
| Broad-winged Hawk           | 5/3     | 1           | Bear Creek Greenbelt                | Jefferson      | Joey Kellner, Rich Stevens                                                        |
| Broad-winged Hawk           | 5/8     | 1           | Chatfield Reservoir                 | Douglas        | Joey Kellner                                                                      |
| Swainson's Hawk             | 5/28    | 2           | Bohart Ranch                        | El Paso        | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Peregrine Falcon            | 5/1     | 2 adults    | Lower Latham                        | Weld           | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek                                                        |
| Scaled Quail                | 5/28    | 1           | Bohart Ranch                        | El Paso        | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Whimbrel                    | 5/1     | 1           | Pond at Rd. 67 and Rd. 6            | Weld           | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek                                                        |
| Whimbrel                    | 5/11    | 1           | Upper Queens Reservoir              | Kiowa          | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Starr Nicely                                     |
| Whimbrel                    | 5/15    | 1           | Verhoeff Reservoir, Hwy 50          | Bent           | Paul Differding, Peter Frechtel, Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Steve Stachowiak |
| Long-billed Curlew          | 5/8     | 3           | SW corner Rd. 37 & Rd. JJ           | Otero          | Kathy Mihm Dunning, Jeff Dunning, Steve Larson                                    |
| White-rumped Sandpiper      | 5/13    | 1           | Upper Queens Reservoir              | Kiowa          | Brandon Percival, m.ob.                                                           |
| Short-billed Dowitcher      | 5/1     | 1           | Chatfield Reservoir                 | Douglas        | Joey Kellner                                                                      |
| Short-billed Dowitcher      | 5/12    | 4           | Chatfield Reservoir                 | Douglas        | Joey Kellner                                                                      |
| Red-neck Phalarope          | 5/12    | 1           | Lake Cheraw                         | Otero          | Brandon Percival, Tony Leukering, Joe Bens                                        |
| White-winged Dove           | 5/6     | 1           | Rocky Ford                          | Otero          | Joey Kellner, Ric Olson, Joe Roller, Glenn Walbek                                 |
| Inca Dove                   | 5/6     | 1           | Rocky Ford                          | Otero          | Joey Kellner, Ric Olson, Joe Roller, Glenn Walbek                                 |
| Barn Owl                    | 5/6     | 1           | Lamar cemetery at south end of town | Prowers        | Joey Kellner, Ric Olson, Joe Roller, Glenn Walbek                                 |
| Barn Owl                    | 5/6     | 1           | Lake Hasty Campground               | Bent           | Joey Kellner, Ric Olson, Joe Roller, Glenn Walbek                                 |
| Barn Owl                    | 5/13    | 2           | Neenoshe Reservoir                  | Kiowa          | Paul Differding, Peter Frechtel, Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Steve Stachowiak |
| Long-eared Owl              | 5/13    | 6           | Neenoshe Reservoir                  | Kiowa          | Paul Differding, Peter Frechtel, Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Steve Stachowiak |
| Short-eared Owl             | 5/13    | 1           | along Whitmore Road                 | El Paso        | Paul Differding, Peter Frechtel, Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Steve Stachowiak |
| Short-eared Owl             | 5/28    | 1           | Bohart Ranch                        | El Paso        | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Common Nighthawk            | 5/28    | 2           | Bohart Ranch                        | El Paso        | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher      | 5/28    | 1           | Bohart Ranch                        | El Paso        | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Western Wood-Pewee          | 5/28    | 2           | Bohart Ranch                        | El Paso        | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Say's Phoebe                | 5/28    | 1           | Bohart Ranch                        | El Paso        | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Vermillion Flycatcher       | 5/13    | 1f          | Bent County private property        | Bent           | Paul Differding, Peter Frechtel, Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Steve Stachowiak |
| Cassin's Kingbird           | 5/28    | 1           | Yoder Rd. and Antioch Rd.           | El Paso        | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher   | 5/9     | 1m          | Bear Creek Greenbelt                | Jefferson      | Joey Kellner, Rich Stevens                                                        |
| Loggerhead Shrike           | 5/28    | 2           | Bohart Ranch                        | El Paso        | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Bell's Vireo                | 5/8     | 1           | Lamar Community College             | Prowers        | Kathy Mihm Dunning, Jeff Dunning, Steve Larson                                    |
| Philadelphia Vireo          | 5/17    | 1           | Chico Basin Ranch                   | Pueblo         | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson                                                   |
| Red-eyed Vireo              | 5/13    | 1           | Lamar Community College             | Prowers        | Brandon Percival                                                                  |
| Veery                       | 5/9     | 1           | Chico Basin Ranch                   | Pueblo         | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, m.ob.                                            |
| Swainson's Thrush           | 5/28    | many        | Bohart Ranch                        | El Paso        | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Northern Mockingbird        | 5/28    | 2           | Bohart Ranch                        | El Paso        | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Tennessee Warbler           | 5/11    | 1f          |                                     | Bent           | Brandon Percival                                                                  |
| Tennessee Warbler           | 5/15    | 1m          | Lake Hasty Campground               | Bent           | Paul Differding, Peter Frechtel, Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Steve Stachowiak |
| Northern Parula             | 5/8     | 1           | Lamar Community College             | Prowers        | Kathy Mihm Dunning, Jeff Dunning, Steve Larson                                    |
| Yellow Warbler              | 5/28    | 1           | Bohart Ranch                        | El Paso        | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler       | 5/28    | 1           | Bohart Ranch                        | El Paso        | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler      | 5/11-13 | 1f          | Neenoshe Reservoir                  | Kiowa          | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Starr Nicely                                     |
| Magnolia Warbler            | 5/13    | 1m          | Neenoshe Reservoir                  | Kiowa          | Paul Differding, Peter Frechtel, Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Steve Stachowiak |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | 5/9     | 1m          | Chico Basin Ranch                   | El Paso        | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, m.ob.                                            |
| Townsend's Warbler          | 5/6     | 1           | Franktown                           | Douglas        | Urling and Hugh Kingery                                                           |
| Townsend's Warbler          | 5/8     | 1m          | Lamar Community College             | Prowers        | Kathy Mihm Dunning, Jeff Dunning, Steve Larson                                    |
| Grace's Warbler             | 5/22    | 1m          | South of Walsenburg                 | Huerfano       | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Tony Leukering                                   |
| Blackpoll Warbler           | 5/6     | 1m          | behind Lamar Comm. College          | Prowers        | Joey Kellner, Ric Olson, Joe Roller, Glenn Walbek                                 |
| Blackpoll Warbler           | 5/8     | 1m          | Lamar Community College             | Prowers        | Kathy Mihm Dunning, Jeff Dunning, Steve Larson                                    |
| Blackpoll Warbler           | 5/9     | 4m          | Chico Basin Ranch                   | Pueblo/El Paso | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, m.ob.                                            |
| Blackpoll Warbler           | 5/13    | 1m          | Chico Basin Ranch                   | Pueblo/El Paso | Paul Differding, Peter Frechtel, Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Steve Stachowiak |
| Blackpoll Warbler           | 5/14    | 1m          | Two Buttes Reservoir                | Baca           | Brandon Percival, Rachel Hopper, m.ob.                                            |
| Blackpoll Warbler           | 5/17    | 2m          | Chico Basin Ranch                   | Pueblo/El Paso | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson                                                   |



## Additional Reports May 2005, continued

|                         |         |             |                                     |            |                                                                                   |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Black-and-white Warbler | 5/13    | 1m          | Hasty Campground                    | Bent       | Brandon Percival                                                                  |
| American Redstart       | 5/19    | 1m          | Chico Basin Ranch                   | El Paso    | Brandon Percival, Brian Gibbons                                                   |
| American Redstart       | 5/21    | 1m singing  | Waterton                            | Jefferson  | Urling and Hugh Kingery                                                           |
| Prothonotary Warbler    | 5/13-14 | 1 1st yr m  | Bent County private property        | Bent       | Paul Differding, Peter Frechtel, Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Steve Stachowiak |
| Prothonotary Warbler    | 5/13    | 1f/1st yr m |                                     | Bent       | Brandon Percival, Rachel Hopper, m.ob.                                            |
| Ovenbird                | 5/13    | 1           | Neenoshe Reservoir                  | Kiowa      | Brandon Percival                                                                  |
| Ovenbird                | 5/19-21 | 1m singing  | Franktown                           | Douglas    | Urling and Hugh Kingery                                                           |
| Ovenbird                | 5/22    | 2 (pair)    | Hist Canyon, w. of Ft. Collins      | Larimer    | Urling and Hugh Kingery                                                           |
| Ovenbird                | 5/23    | 3m singing  | Bear Creek Canyon, Colo. Springs    | El Paso    | Urling and Hugh Kingery                                                           |
| Ovenbird                | 5/25    | 2m singing  | Castlewood Canyon St. Park          | Douglas    | Urling and Hugh Kingery                                                           |
| Northern Waterthrush    | 5/8     | 1           | Lamar Community College             | Prowers    | Kathy Mihm Dunning, Jeff Dunning, Steve Larson                                    |
| Northern Waterthrush    | 5/11-14 | 1           | Two Buttes Reservoir                | Baca       | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson                                                   |
| Northern Waterthrush    | 5/11    | 1           |                                     | Bent       | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Starr Nicely                                     |
| Northern Waterthrush    | 5/12-13 | 1           | Lamar Community College             | Prowers    | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson                                                   |
| Hooded Warbler          | 5/14    | 1m          | Cottonwood Canyon                   | Baca       | Paul Differding, Peter Frechtel, Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Steve Stachowiak |
| Hepatic Tanager         | 5/22    | 1m          | Exit 42 off I-25                    | Huerfano   | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Tony Leukering                                   |
| Summer Tanager          | 5/9     | 1f          | Chico Basin Ranch                   | El Paso    | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, m.ob.                                            |
| Cassin's Sparrow        | 5/28    | 2           | Bohart Ranch                        | El Paso    | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Brewer's Sparrow        | 5/28    | many        | Bohart Ranch                        | El Paso    | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Lark Sparrow            | 5/28    | many        | Bohart Ranch                        | El Paso    | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Lincoln's Sparrow       | 5/28    | 1           | Yoder Rd. and Antioch Rd.           | El Paso    | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Golden-crowned Sparrow  | 5/9     | 1 adult     | Lathrop State Park                  | Huerfano   | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson                                                   |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak  | 5/6     | 1m          | behind Lamar Comm. College          | Prowers    | Joey Kellner, Ric Olson, Joe Roller, Glenn Walbek                                 |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak  | 5/9     | 1f          | Chico Basin Ranch                   | El Paso    | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, m.ob.                                            |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak  | 5/14    | 1m          | Lamar cemetery at south end of town | Prowers    | Paul Differding, Peter Frechtel, Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Steve Stachowiak |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak  | 5/14    | 1m          | behind Lamar Comm. College          | Prowers    | Paul Differding, Peter Frechtel, Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Steve Stachowiak |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak  | 5/13    | 1m          | Hasty Campground                    | Bent       | Brandon Percival, Rachel Hopper, m.ob.                                            |
| Indigo Bunting          | 5/10-11 | 1           | Franktown                           | Douglas    | Urling and Hugh Kingery                                                           |
| Bobolink                | 5/22    | 7m, 1f      | Le Veta                             | Huerfano   | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Tony Leukering                                   |
| Bullock's Oriole        | 5/28    | 2           | Bohart Ranch                        | El Paso    | Veronica Holt, Mary Burger, Alison Hilf, m.ob.                                    |
| Baltimore Oriole        | 5/10    | 1f          | Trinidad                            | Las Animas | Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson                                                   |

Please send Additional Reports to Jennifer Lynch at [jlynch73@yahoo.com](mailto:jlynch73@yahoo.com), thanks.

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

## Field Trip Summary Table May 2005

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | DFO FIELD TRIPS |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | TUESDAY BIRDERS |     |     |     |     | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
|                             | 1               | 7   | 8   | 13-15 | 14  | 15  | 21  | 22  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 3               | 10  | 17  | 24  | 31  |       |
|                             | BAR             | LON | WEL | BON   | CHE | PAW | CHA | LAI | ROC | STA | WHE | WHE             | BAR | CHA | LAI | LOW |       |
| Pied-billed Grebe           | +               | 3   | 1   | 1     |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |     | 2               |     |     |     |     | 9     |
| Horned Grebe                |                 | 1   |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Eared Grebe                 |                 |     |     | 1     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Western Grebe               |                 | 14  | 1   | 20    | 19  |     | 40  |     | 8   |     | 2   | 4               | 2   | 10  |     |     | 120   |
| Clark's Grebe               |                 | 2   |     | 1     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| American White Pelican      |                 | 77  |     | 25    | 135 | 4   | 35  |     | 12  |     |     |                 | 11  | 33  |     |     | 332   |
| Double-crested Cormorant    |                 | 18  | 6   | 25    | 74  | 3   | 10  |     | 20  |     | 62  | 75              | 4   | 9   |     |     | 306   |
| Great Blue Heron            |                 | 39  | 1   | 4     | 6   | 2   | 4   | 1   | 9   | 1   | 18  | 10              | 4   | 5   |     |     | 104   |
| Great Egret                 |                 | 12  |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 12    |
| Snowy Egret                 |                 | 11  |     |       |     |     |     |     | 32  |     | 10  | 4               |     |     |     |     | 57    |
| Cattle Egret                |                 |     |     |       |     | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron   |                 | 2   | 2   |       | 3   |     |     |     |     |     | 3   | 1               |     |     |     |     | 11    |
| Glossy Ibis                 |                 | 1   |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| White-faced Ibis            |                 | 15  |     | 25    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 40    |
| Turkey Vulture              |                 | 1   |     | 40    |     |     |     | 1   |     | 8   |     |                 |     | 2   | 2   | 12  | 66    |
| Canada Goose                |                 | 62  | 40  | 30    | 12  | 15  | 40  |     | 36  |     | 47  | 40              | 3   | 10  |     |     | 335   |
| Wood Duck                   |                 |     | 2   | 1     |     |     |     |     | 2   |     | 2   |                 |     |     |     |     | 7     |
| Gadwall                     |                 | 25  | 4   | 10    | 4   | 4   |     |     |     |     | 3   | 2               | 4   |     |     |     | 56    |
| American Wigeon             |                 | 12  |     | 6     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 20    |
| Mallard                     |                 | 20  | 20  | 15    | 25  | 6   | 11  | 2   | 18  | 4   | 34  | 12              | 14  | 2   | 5   |     | 186   |
| Blue-winged Teal            |                 | 43  | 3   | 30    | 5   | 20  |     |     | 4   |     |     | 7               | 6   |     |     |     | 118   |
| Cinnamon Teal               |                 | 10  |     | 1     | 2   | 33  |     |     | 2   |     | 3   | 1               |     |     |     |     | 52    |
| Northern Shoveler           |                 | 3   |     | 30    | 4   | 16  |     |     |     |     | 1   | 4               | 2   |     |     |     | 60    |
| Northern Pintail            |                 | 1   |     | 1     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Green-winged Teal           |                 |     |     | 20    | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 22    |
| Redhead                     |                 | 2   | 1   | 6     |     | 1   |     |     | 10  |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 20    |
| Ring-necked Duck            |                 | 2   |     |       |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |     | 4               |     |     |     |     | 8     |
| Greater Scaup               |                 | 10  |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 10    |
| Lesser Scaup                |                 |     |     | 2     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Bufflehead                  |                 | 12  |     |       | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 14    |
| Common Goldeneye            |                 |     |     | 1     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Hooded Merganser            |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1               |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Common Merganser            |                 |     |     |       |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |                 | 2   | 2   |     |     | 5     |
| Ruddy Duck                  |                 | 8   |     |       | 6   |     |     |     | 3   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 17    |
| Osprey                      |                 | 3   |     | 1     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 5     |
| Bald Eagle                  |                 | 3   |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| Northern Harrier            |                 | 1   |     | 2     | 1   | 2   |     |     | 2   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 8     |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk          |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |                 |     | 1   |     |     | 2     |
| Cooper's Hawk               |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 2   |     | 2     |
| Northern Goshawk            |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 1   |     | 1     |
| Broad-winged Hawk           |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1               |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Swainson's Hawk             |                 | 5   | 1   | 4     | 3   | 3   |     |     | 5   |     |     |                 | 5   | 2   |     |     | 28    |
| Red-tailed Hawk             |                 | 15  | 1   | 4     | 3   | 5   | 1   | 2   | 4   | 2   | 3   | 1               | 1   |     | 3   | 3   | 48    |
| western races               |                 |     |     |       |     |     | (1) |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | (1)   |
| Rough-legged Hawk           |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 0     |
| Golden Eagle                |                 | 3   |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     | 2   | 6     |
| American Kestrel            |                 | 4   | 1   | 6     | 3   | 1   | 1   |     | 8   | 1   | 1   |                 | 2   | 4   |     | 1   | 33    |
| Merlin                      |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1               |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Prairie Falcon              |                 |     | 1   |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        |                 | 4   |     | 10    | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     |     | 18    |
| Wild Turkey                 |                 | 1   |     | 25    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 26    |
| Virginia Rail               |                 |     |     |       |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Sora                        |                 |     |     |       | 1   | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| American Coot               |                 | 77  | 2   |       | 3   |     | 1   |     | 18  |     |     |                 | 12  |     |     |     | 113   |

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

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|                             | 1               | 7   | 8   | 13-15 | 14  | 15  | 21  | 22  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 3               | 10  | 17  | 24  | 31  |       |
|                             | BAR             | LON | WEL | BON   | CHE | PAW | CHA | LAI | ROC | STA | WHE | WHE             | BAR | CHA | LAI | LOW |       |
| Sandhill Crane              |                 |     |     |       |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Black-bellied Plover        |                 |     |     | 10    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 10    |
| Snowy Plover                |                 |     | 2   |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Semipalmated Plover         |                 |     | 4   |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Killdeer                    |                 | 8   | 2   | 20    | 5   | 25  | 2   |     | 4   |     | 10  |                 | 10  |     |     | 1   | 87    |
| Mountain Plover             |                 |     |     |       |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Black-necked Stilt          |                 |     |     |       |     | 4   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| American Avocet             |                 | 11  | 2   | 10    |     | 22  |     |     |     |     | 2   |                 |     |     |     |     | 47    |
| Lesser Yellowlegs           |                 |     |     | 2     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| Solitary Sandpiper          |                 |     | 1   |       |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |                 |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Willet                      |                 |     |     | 6     | 8   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 12    |
| Spotted Sandpiper           |                 |     |     | 80    | 6   | 1   |     |     |     |     | 3   |                 | 1   |     |     |     | 91    |
| Marbled Godwit              |                 |     |     | 1     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Western Sandpiper           |                 |     |     |       |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Least Sandpiper             |                 |     |     | 4     |     | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 7     |
| Baird's Sandpiper           |                 |     |     | 4     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Stilt Sandpiper             |                 |     |     | 15    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 15    |
| Long-billed Dowitcher       |                 |     |     | 60    |     | 24  |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 84    |
| Wilson's Snipe              |                 |     |     | 1     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| Wilson's Phalarope          |                 | 11  |     | 30    |     | 71  |     |     |     |     | 2   |                 | 1   |     |     |     | 115   |
| Red-necked Phalarope        |                 |     |     | 1     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Franklin's Gull             |                 |     |     | 20    | 12  |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 32    |
| Ring-billed Gull            |                 | 2   | 7   | 20    | 350 | 10  |     |     |     |     | 2   |                 | 2   |     |     |     | 383   |
| gull sp.                    |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1               |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Forster's Tern              |                 | 25  |     | 2     |     | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 30    |
| Black Tern                  |                 |     |     | 4     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Rock Pigeon                 |                 | 30  | 14  | 4     | 27  | 6   |     |     |     |     | 35  | 1               |     | 2   |     |     | 119   |
| Eurasian Collared-dove      |                 | 1   |     | 2     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Mourning Dove               |                 | 3   | 12  | 100   | 11  | 31  | 6   |     | 20  | 6   | 30  | 4               | 22  | 4   |     | 3   | 252   |
| Barn Owl                    |                 |     |     | 1     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Eastern Screech-Owl         |                 |     |     | 1     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Great Horned Owl            |                 | 3   |     | 4     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |                 | 1   | 3   |     |     | 12    |
| Burrowing Owl               |                 |     |     |       |     | 2   |     |     | 8   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 10    |
| Common Nighthawk            |                 |     |     | 2     |     | 1   |     |     | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Chimney Swift               |                 |     |     | 1     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Black-chinned Hummingbird   |                 |     |     |       | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird    |                 |     |     |       | 1   |     | 8   | 31  | 1   | 27  |     | 1               |     | 6   | 15  | 3   | 93    |
| Belted Kingfisher           |                 | 3   | 1   |       | 1   |     | 4   |     |     | 1   | 2   | 3               |     | 2   | 2   |     | 19    |
| Red-headed Woodpecker       |                 |     |     | 20    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 20    |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker      |                 |     |     | 4     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Downy Woodpecker            |                 |     | 1   | 6     | 7   | 2   | 5   | 1   | 2   | 1   |     | 12              | 6   |     |     |     | 43    |
| "Rocky Mountain" race       |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | (1)   |
| Hairy Woodpecker            |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Northern Flicker            |                 | 1   | 4   | 20    | 9   | 1   | 6   | 1   | 6   | 1   | 4   | 14              | 5   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 78    |
| "Red-shafted" race          |                 | (1) |     |       | (9) |     | (6) | (1) |     |     | (4) |                 |     |     |     |     | (21)  |
| Western Wood-Pewee          |                 |     |     |       | 2   | 1   | 15  | 6   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 1               |     | 6   | 8   | 2   | 47    |
| Least Flycatcher            |                 |     |     |       |     | 2   | 5   |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 7     |
| Dusky Flycatcher            |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     | 3   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher      |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     | 5   |     | 1   |     |                 |     | 1   | 5   |     | 12    |
| empidonax sp.               |                 |     |     |       |     | 1   |     |     |     | 1   |     |                 |     | 1   |     |     | 3     |
| Say's Phoebe                |                 | 1   |     |       |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     | 1               |     |     | 1   |     | 4     |
| Western Kingbird            |                 | 11  | 1   | 100   | 4   |     | 2   |     | 15  | 1   |     |                 | 40  | 1   |     | 3   | 178   |
| Eastern Kingbird            |                 |     |     | 30    | 1   |     | 2   |     | 5   |     |     |                 | 4   | 2   |     |     | 44    |
| Loggerhead Shrike           |                 |     |     |       |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Northern Shrike             |                 | 1   |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |

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| Plumbeous Vireo               |                 |     | 1   |       |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |                 |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Warbling Vireo                |                 |     |     | 30    | 1   |     | 1   | 9   |     |     |     |                 |     | 1   | 13  | 1   | 56    |
| Steller's Jay                 |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Blue Jay                      |                 |     | 2   | 15    |     | 6   | 1   |     | 1   |     |     | 2               | 3   |     |     |     | 30    |
| Western Scrub-Jay             |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     | 3   |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| Black-billed Magpie           |                 | 5   | 3   | 1     | 8   |     |     |     | 12  | 7   | 1   | 3               | 4   | 2   |     | 3   | 49    |
| American Crow                 |                 |     | 2   | 2     | 6   |     |     | 6   |     | 10  | 3   | 4               |     |     | 2   | 22  | 57    |
| Common Raven                  |                 |     | 2   |       |     |     | 5   | 2   |     | 2   |     |                 |     |     | 1   | 3   | 15    |
| Horned Lark                   |                 | 3   |     | 8     |     | 40  |     |     | 6   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 57    |
| Tree Swallow                  |                 | 20  |     | 10    | 5   | 1   | 2   |     | 4   |     | 2   |                 | 3   | 4   |     |     | 51    |
| Violet-green Swallow          |                 | 1   |     |       | 2   |     |     | 26  |     | 4   | 450 |                 |     |     | 14  | 45  | 542   |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow |                 |     | 4   | 15    | 3   |     | 2   | 1   | 12  |     | 4   |                 | 1   |     | 1   |     | 43    |
| Bank Swallow                  |                 |     |     | 20    |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4   |                 | 8   | 2   | 1   |     | 35    |
| Cliff Swallow                 |                 | 306 | 2   | 40    |     | 200 |     |     | 2   |     | 5   |                 |     |     |     |     | 555   |
| Barn Swallow                  |                 | 21  |     | 20    | 3   | 5   | 1   |     |     |     | 9   |                 | 1   | 1   |     |     | 61    |
| Black-capped Chickadee        |                 | 1   | 1   | 3     | 5   |     | 1   | 3   |     | 2   |     | 4               | 1   | 4   | 5   |     | 30    |
| Mountain Chickadee            |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     | 4   |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Bushtit                       |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch       |                 |     |     | 2     | 2   |     | 2   |     |     | 6   |     | 2               |     | 3   |     |     | 17    |
| Pygmy Nuthatch                |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Rock Wren                     |                 |     |     | 4     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 2   |     |     |     | 6     |
| House Wren                    |                 | 2   | 1   | 100   | 13  | 5   | 50  | 12  | 5   | 3   | 3   | 1               | 12  | 16  | 13  | 6   | 242   |
| Marsh Wren                    |                 |     |     |       | 2   | 50  |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 52    |
| American Dipper               |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 4   |     | 4     |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet          |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher         |                 |     |     |       | 11  |     |     | 3   | 4   |     |     |                 |     | 2   | 2   |     | 22    |
| Eastern Bluebird              |                 |     |     | 8     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 8     |
| Western Bluebird              |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     | 9   |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 9     |
| Townsend's Solitaire          |                 |     |     | 1     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     | 1               |     |     | 2   |     | 5     |
| Swainson's Thrush             |                 |     |     | 15    |     | 5   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 20    |
| Hermit Thrush                 |                 |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 12  |     |     |     | 12    |
| American Robin                |                 | 18  | 10  | 60    | 54  | 17  | 9   | 8   | 8   | 7   | 56  | 35              | 18  | 5   | 8   | 2   | 315   |
| Gray Catbird                  |                 |     |     | 1     |     |     | 3   | 6   |     |     |     |                 |     | 1   | 5   | 2   | 18    |
| Northern Mockingbird          |                 |     |     | 2     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| Brown Thrasher                |                 |     |     | 15    |     | 8   |     |     | 2   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 25    |
| European Starling             |                 | 10  | 7   | 20    | 11  | 15  | 8   |     | 8   | 6   | 45  | 15              |     |     |     | 6   | 151   |
| Cedar Waxwing                 |                 |     |     |       |     | 12  |     | 8   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 20    |
| Orange-crowned Warbler        |                 |     |     | 1     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 1   |     | 2     |
| Virginia's Warbler            |                 |     | 1   |       |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| Yellow Warbler                |                 |     |     | 30    | 37  | 18  | 40  | 16  | 2   |     |     |                 |     |     |     |     |       |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1               | 7    | 8   | 13-15 | 14   | 15   | 21  | 22  | 28  | 29  | 30   | 3               | 10  | 17  | 24  | 31  |        |
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| Field Sparrow                                                                                                                                                                                              |                 |      |     | 10    |      |      |     |     |     |     |      |                 |     |     |     |     | 10     |
| Vesper Sparrow                                                                                                                                                                                             |                 |      |     |       |      |      | 1   |     |     |     |      |                 |     |     |     |     | 1      |
| Lark Sparrow                                                                                                                                                                                               |                 | 1    |     | 100   | 3    | 2    | 1   |     |     |     |      |                 |     | 7   |     | 1   | 115    |
| Lark Bunting                                                                                                                                                                                               |                 |      |     | 6     |      | 32   |     |     | 18  |     |      |                 |     |     |     |     | 56     |
| Savannah Sparrow                                                                                                                                                                                           |                 |      |     | 1     |      | 1    |     |     |     |     |      |                 |     |     |     |     | 2      |
| Grasshopper Sparrow                                                                                                                                                                                        |                 |      |     |       |      | 1    |     |     |     |     |      |                 |     |     |     |     | 1      |
| Song Sparrow                                                                                                                                                                                               |                 | 3    | 2   |       | 9    | 3    | 6   | 8   |     |     | 18   | 10              | 2   | 2   | 9   | 5   | 77     |
| Lincoln's Sparrow                                                                                                                                                                                          |                 |      |     | 1     |      | 1    |     |     |     |     |      |                 |     |     |     |     | 2      |
| White-crowned Sparrow                                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | 2    | 2   | 10    | 2    | 3    |     |     |     |     |      | 2               |     |     |     |     | 21     |
| Dark-eyed Junco                                                                                                                                                                                            |                 |      |     |       |      |      |     |     |     |     | 6    |                 |     |     |     |     | 6      |
| "Slate-colored" race                                                                                                                                                                                       |                 |      |     |       |      |      |     |     |     | (2) |      |                 |     |     |     |     | (2)    |
| "Pink-sided" race                                                                                                                                                                                          |                 |      |     |       |      |      |     |     |     | (4) |      |                 |     |     |     |     | (4)    |
| McGowan's Longspur                                                                                                                                                                                         |                 |      |     |       |      | 30   |     |     |     |     |      |                 |     |     |     |     | 30     |
| Northern Cardinal                                                                                                                                                                                          |                 |      |     | 2     |      |      |     |     |     |     |      |                 |     |     |     |     | 2      |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak                                                                                                                                                                                     |                 |      |     |       |      | 1    |     |     |     |     |      |                 |     |     |     |     | 1      |
| Black-headed Grosbeak                                                                                                                                                                                      |                 |      |     | 3     | 1    | 1    | 1   | 6   |     |     |      |                 |     |     | 9   | 4   | 25     |
| Blue Grosbeak                                                                                                                                                                                              |                 |      |     |       |      |      |     |     |     |     |      |                 |     |     |     | 1   | 1      |
| Lazuli Bunting                                                                                                                                                                                             |                 |      |     | 1     | 3    |      | 3   | 2   |     |     |      |                 |     | 1   |     | 5   | 15     |
| Red-winged Blackbird                                                                                                                                                                                       |                 | 55   | 25  | 100   | 67   | 400  | 12  |     | 18  | 10  | 65   | 22              | 3   | 2   |     |     | 779    |
| Western Meadowlark                                                                                                                                                                                         |                 | 22   |     | 60    | 18   | 30   | 3   |     | 22  |     |      |                 | 12  | 5   |     | 5   | 177    |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird                                                                                                                                                                                    |                 | 180  |     | 6     | 4    | 200  |     |     | 2   |     |      |                 | 2   |     |     |     | 394    |
| Brewer's Blackbird                                                                                                                                                                                         |                 |      | 1   |       | 10   |      | 2   |     |     |     |      |                 |     | 2   |     |     | 15     |
| Common Grackle                                                                                                                                                                                             |                 | 24   | 20  | 60    | 36   | 30   | 35  |     | 7   |     | 75   | 6               | 28  |     |     |     | 321    |
| Great-tailed Grackle                                                                                                                                                                                       |                 | 1    |     | 2     |      | 12   |     |     |     |     |      |                 |     |     |     |     | 15     |
| Brown-headed Cowbird                                                                                                                                                                                       |                 | 3    | 5   | 40    | 6    | 2    | 8   | 2   |     | 21  | 18   | 3               | 3   | 5   | 5   | 10  | 131    |
| Orchard Oriole                                                                                                                                                                                             |                 |      |     | 20    |      | 1    |     |     | 2   |     |      |                 |     |     |     |     | 23     |
| Baltimore Oriole                                                                                                                                                                                           |                 |      |     | 20    | 17   |      |     |     |     |     |      |                 |     |     |     |     | 37     |
| Bullock's Oriole                                                                                                                                                                                           |                 | 4    | 2   | 6     |      | 9    | 1   | 3   | 11  |     | 6    |                 | 22  | 2   |     | 20  | 86     |
| House Finch                                                                                                                                                                                                |                 | 3    | 8   | 30    | 13   | 2    |     | 10  | 2   | 26  | 4    | 6               | 1   |     | 12  | 3   | 118    |
| Pine Siskin                                                                                                                                                                                                |                 |      |     | 1     |      | 3    |     |     |     | 12  |      |                 |     |     |     |     | 16     |
| Lesser Goldfinch                                                                                                                                                                                           |                 |      |     |       |      |      |     | 4   |     |     |      |                 |     |     | 23  | 14  | 41     |
| "Green-backed" race                                                                                                                                                                                        |                 |      |     |       |      |      |     | 4   |     |     |      |                 |     |     | 10  | 8   | (22)   |
| "Black-backed" race                                                                                                                                                                                        |                 |      |     |       |      |      |     |     |     |     |      |                 |     |     | 18  | 5   | (19)   |
| American Goldfinch                                                                                                                                                                                         |                 | 3    |     | 60    | 27   | 14   | 16  | 2   | 1   | 1   | 45   | 3               |     | 13  | 1   | 10  | 196    |
| House Sparrow                                                                                                                                                                                              |                 |      | 8   | 30    | 12   | 27   |     |     | 2   |     | 40   | 7               | 4   |     |     |     | 130    |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS                                                                                                                                                                                          | 0               | 1323 | 254 | 2143  | 1214 | 1558 | 423 | 202 | 415 | 212 | 1176 | 392             | 321 | 223 | 205 | 225 | 10,286 |
| TOTAL SPECIES                                                                                                                                                                                              | 0               | 74   | 50  | 116   | 77   | 88   | 49  | 35  | 53  | 38  | 45   | 45              | 49  | 44  | 33  | 35  | 188    |
| OBSERVATION LEGEND:                                                                                                                                                                                        |                 |      |     |       |      |      |     |     |     |     |      |                 |     |     |     |     |        |
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Next month we will start to list the DFO Speakers  
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Our web [www.dfobirders.org](http://www.dfobirders.org) lists current field trip schedules that you can download. Changes to trip schedules will be posted on the site.

## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

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**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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DFO's presentation monthly meetings resume next month. September's meeting will feature Kent Nelson, Colorado birder and novelist.

## "Birds in the Hand"

Kent Nelson has published four novels and four collections of short fiction and, with his daughter, Dylan, has edited *Birds in the Hand*, an anthology of poems and stories about birds. He grew up in Colorado Springs, published a nature newspaper at the age of nine, and has maintained an interest in birds since then. He has a North American list of 740 species.

The protagonist of his novel *Language in the Blood* is an ornithology professor at the University of Arizona, and Mattie, the main character of *Land That Moves*, *Land That Stands Still*, has a working knowledge of the bird species in

South Dakota. Many of his stories have bird-related settings – South Texas, the Florida Keys, Alaska, southeastern Arizona – and a half dozen are specifically about birders in the field. *Land That Moves*, *Land That Stands Still* won the Colorado Book Award in 2004.

He is a graduate of Yale and has twice run the Pikes Peak Marathon (26.3 miles, 7,814 feet elevation gain). He lives in Salida, Colorado.

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## August Field Trips

Saturday, August 6

*Rocky Mountain National Park*

Leaders: Wayne and Dianna Johnston, 303-682-5662. Meet leaders at 0800 at Park Visitor's Center, east of Beaver Meadows entrance on US 36. May look for ptarmigan, will take easy walk on Upper Beaver Meadows trail. ¾ day trip, bring lunch and water. The entrance fee is \$20 per car.

Sunday, August 7

*Golden Gate Canyon State Park*

Leader: Randy Lentz, 303-680-3381. Meet leader at 0800 at the Visitor's Center at the Park. State Parks Pass required. This is a half-day trip, lunch optional. Bring extra water.

Saturday, August 13

*Belmar Park*

Leader: Mike Foster (303) 456-264. Belmar is a delightful urban park, close to home but with a surprising number of birds. We may also visit Welchester Tree Park on our way to Wild Bird Center afterwards for

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### August 2005 Field Trips, continued

refreshments. From US Hwy 6, exit at Wadsworth, head south to Ohio where you turn right at the light and drive to a parking lot overlooking Kountze Lake. Meet there at 0715 for less than a half day trip.

Sunday, August 14

### *Parker Regional Park*

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet leader in park parking lot at 0730. From intersection of Main Street and Hwy 83 in Parker, go south 1.2 miles. Turn right on to Indian Pipe Lane to parking area. Bring lunch and drinking water, trip will finish shortly after lunch. This trip will involve easy walking on mostly paved trails. This trip will be good for novice birders and new members.

Saturday, August 20

### Longmont Area

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048. Meet leaders at 0700 at Jim Hamm Park. From I-25 take Exit 240. To reach the park, go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Road, then north two miles to Jim Hamm Park at 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. This will be a three-quarter to full day trip so bring lunch and extra water. State Parks Pass may be needed.

Sunday, August 21

*Roxborough State Park*

Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072 Meet leader at 0730 at Roxborough Visitor Center. To reach the park, take S. Wadsworth Blvd. past Chatfield State Park to Waterton Rd. on left. Take Waterton Rd. 1.6 miles east to North Ram-part Range Rd., turn right and go south 2.3 miles to Roxborough Park Rd. Turn left and follow signs to the park (2.2 miles). Trip will end around 11:00 so lunch is optional but bring plenty of water. There is a nice place to enjoy lunch at the Visitor Center. Participants should see nesting golden eagles and foothills birds. State Parks pass.

Saturday, August 27

### *Barr Lake State Park*

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069. Meet leaders at 0800 at the Nature Center in the park. From I-76 east, take the Bromley Lane exit-west to Picadilly Lane and turn south to park entrance. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Good trip for novice birders and new members. Easy walking. State Parks Pass required.

Sunday, August 28

Cherry Creek State Park

Leaders: Bob and Lea Ann Brown, 303-791-6204. Meet leaders at 0730 at the marina which is just inside the west entrance. To reach the park, go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. past Cherry Creek High school to west entrance. Half day trip, bring water, insecticide and sun screen. Easy walking on level trails for about 1 ½ miles. State Parks Pass required

Scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook

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Daren O'Brien Thanks so much, your contributions make these programs possible.

## Field Trip Summaries, June 2005

June 4-5, Saturday-Sunday

*Steamboat Springs Area (STE)*

Leader(s): Allison Hilf. Observers: Tina Jones, Ed Joy, Pat Joy, Ellen Klaver, Nancy Merrill (Hayden), Bob Rohwedder, Carol Rohwedder, Trish Schumacher, Lisa Williams (Steamboat). Weather: Saturday rain, cloudy 70°F, moderate wind; Sunday sunny, 77°F, moderate wind. Totals: 102 species.

June 11, Saturday

*Lyons Area (LYO)*

Leader(s): Raymond Davis. Observers: Meredith Anderson, Ellie Baker, Susan Barnhart, Tamie Bulow, Min Canavan, Bob and Barbara Dix (Texas), Patty Echelmeyer, Allison Hilf, Marilyn Mueller, Diana Mullineaux, Toni Rautus, Mary Ellen Sargent, Sue Schulman, Trish Schumacher, Mary Stallings, Rene and Dave Such with Marcel and Joel (kids), and Buzz.... Time: 0830-1300. Distance: 8 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian and ponderosa, elevation 5200-6000'. Weather: Clear, calm, 58-71°F. Totals: 59 species, 231 individuals.

June 12, Sunday

*Pawnee Grasslands and Lower Latham to Crow Valley (PAW)*

Leader(s): Dick Pratt. Observers: Bob Dix, Barbara Dix, Scott Yarberry, Casey Davenport, Mary Ewing, Mary Allen Sargent, Craig Anderson, Chuck Walters, Brenda McIntyre. Time: 0730-1700. Distance: 120 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Lakes, riparian, agricultural fields and short grass prairie, elevation 4500-5000'. Weather: Rain, 60-70°F. Totals: 71 species, 876 individuals.

June 18, Saturday

*Bailey Nesting Area, Cataract Lake and Summit County (BAI)*

Leader(s): Norm Lewis. Observers: Nancy Allen, Meredith Anderson, Susan Barnhart, Marilyn Binkley, Barbara Browne, Min Canavan, Barbara Dix, Bob Dix, Patty Echelmeyer, Elaine Emeigh, Mel Emeigh, Doug Hodous, Diana Mullineaux, Toni Rautus, Cliff Reed, Mona Reed, Nina Routh, Mary Ellen Sargent, Kathryn Smith, Steve Smith, Ellie Walter. Time: 0830-1500. Distance: 45 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Coniferous forest, mountain meadow and riparian, aspen groves, lake, elevation 7000-9000'. Weather: Sunny and clear to partly cloudy, 55-80°F, wind variable, 0-10 mph. Totals: 40 species, 293 individuals.

June 19, Sunday

*Lair O the Bear (LAI)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. Observers: Susan Chancellor, Alison Donnelly, Peggy Durham, Bill Eden, Sylvia Robertson, Bob Rohwedder, Pam Schmidt. Time: 0700-1030. Distance: 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Mountain riparian, mountain grassland, mountain park. Weather: Clear, warm. Totals: 33 species, 106 individuals.

June 25, Saturday

*Rocky Mountain National Park (ROC)*

Leader(s): Wayne and Dianna Johnston. Observers: Ellie Baker, Peggy Hankins, Dereck Hankins, Kathy Kay, Joe Kay, Allison Hilf, Chris Owens, Richard Mendez. Totals: 34 species, 151 individuals.

June 25, Saturday

*Hack Ranch and Georgia Pass (HAC)*

Leader(s): Carol Hack and Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Christy Honnen, Tina Jones, Nina Routh. Time: 0830-1545. Distance: 41.8 miles by car, 1.25 miles on foot. Habitat: Grassland meadows, alpine slopes, aspen, willow streamside, townsites, elevation 9500-11000'. Weather: Partly cloudy, light rain, 46-64°F, south-southwest wind, 20 mph. Totals: 53 species, 621 individuals.

June 26, Sunday

*Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Mary Burger. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Donna Fieger, Jennifer Larson, Steve and Kathryn Smith. Time: 0730-1200. Habitat: Water, riparian, prairie, elevation 5550'. Weather: Clear, 70-85°F. Totals: 44 species, 263 individuals.

**Tuesday Birders**

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## Field Trip Summaries, June 2005 continued

### June 7 *Upper White Ranch Jeffco Open Space Park (UPP)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. Observers: 38 (two groups). Time: 0830-1200. Distance: 11 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Ponderosa pine, woodlands and mixed grassy meadows, elevation 5675'. Weather: Clear to partly cloudy, 60-65°F, northwest wind, 0-9 mph. Totals: 26 species, 87 individuals.

### June 14 *Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield (DEN)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 36 (two groups). Time: 0830-1200. Distance: 1 mile by car, 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, ponds, cottonwood, willow, cattails, juniper, open fields, elevation 5500'. Weather: Clear and sunny, 58-72°F, variable wind, 0-5 mph. Totals: 46 species, 285 individuals.

### June 21 *Los Lagos - near Rollinsville (LOS)*

Leader(s): Betsy Owens and Connie Brandau. Observers: 53 (two groups). Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 4.5 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Lakes, riparian, ponderosa pine and lodgepole pine, elevation 8600'. Weather: Partly cloudy, 58-75°F, calm wind. Totals: 28 species, 76 individuals.

### June 28 *Jarr Canyon to Indian Creek Campground - Pike Nail Forest (JAR)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 21. Time: 0830-1200. Distance: 15 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, ponderosa pine, aspen woodland, willow, elevation 7600'. Weather: Clear to partly cloudy, 63-82°F, calm wind. Totals: 27 species, 90 individuals.

## Additional Reports June 2005

| Species                   | Dates   | Number seen  | Location                                                | County           | Observers & notes                                                                                               |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pacific Loon              | 6/18-25 | 1            | Chatfield Res.-Upstream Kingfisher Bridge e. side       | Douglas          | Joey Kellner, Dick Schottler, Mary Stallings-basic plumage                                                      |
| Common Loon               | 6/3     | 1            | Jumbo Reservoir                                         | Logan, Sedgewick | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek-basic plumage                                                                        |
| Brown Pelican             | 6/12    | 1            | Windsor-Rock Bridge Lake                                | Larimer          | Joey Kellner                                                                                                    |
| American Bittern          | 6/5     | 1            | Walden Ponds-Cottonwood Marsh                           | Boulder          | Joey Kellner-heard and seen                                                                                     |
| Least Bittern             | 6/5-6   | 1            | Walden Ponds-Cottonwood Marsh                           | Boulder          | Joey Kellner-calling for 3 hours!                                                                               |
| Green Heron               | 6/6     | 4            | Walden Ponds-Cottonwood Marsh                           | Boulder          | Joey Kellner-3 were flying around together!                                                                     |
| Green Heron               | 6/18    | 1            | Chatfield Res.-Upstream Kingfisher Bridge e. side       | Douglas          | Joey Kellner                                                                                                    |
| Hooded Merganser          | 6/3     | 2 fledglings | Chatfield Wetlands                                      | Jefferson        | Hugh and Urling Kingery                                                                                         |
| Sandhill Crane            | 6/3     | 3            | Lower Latham-reservoir and land next to reservoir       | Weld             | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek-2 adults, 1 chick                                                                    |
| Willet                    | 6/3     | 3            | Lower Latham-reservoir and land next to reservoir       | Weld             | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek                                                                                      |
| Stilt Sandpiper           | 6/3     | 1            | Lower Latham-reservoir and land next to reservoir       | Weld             | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek                                                                                      |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull  | 6/6-23  | 1            | Cherry Creek SP                                         | Arapahoe         | Bob Brown-2nd summer                                                                                            |
| Common Tern               | 6/4     | 1            | Big Johnson Reservoir                                   | El Paso          | Brandon Percival                                                                                                |
| Least Tern                | 6/3     | 1 imm.       | Lower Latham-ponds on WCR 40 & 42                       | Weld             | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek                                                                                      |
| Black Swift               | 6/20    | 1            | Along Hwy 160, Wolf Creek Pass                          | Mineral          | Joey Kellner, Dick Schottler                                                                                    |
| Black-chinned Hummingbird | 6/1-29  | 2m           | Cherry Creek SP                                         | Arapahoe         | Bob Brown                                                                                                       |
| Black-chinned Hummingbird | 6/18    | 1m           | Chatfield Res.-Upstream Kingfisher Bridge e. side       | Douglas          | Joey Kellner                                                                                                    |
| Acorn Woodpecker          | 6/20    | 1            | Durango-Near Wildcat Canyon                             | La Plata         | Joey Kellner, Dick Schottler                                                                                    |
| Eastern Phoebe            | 6/3     | 1            | Red Lion SWA exit-bridge over the Platte River          | Logan            | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek-singing                                                                              |
| Great Crested Flycatcher  | 6/3     | 1m, 1f       | Tamarak Ranch-dirt rd. going west along river           | Logan            | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek                                                                                      |
| Cedar Waxwing             | 6/3     | 12           | Castlewood Canyon SP                                    | Douglas          | Hugh and Urling Kingery                                                                                         |
| Cedar Waxwing             | 6/5     | 10           | Chatfield SP                                            | Jefferson        | Hugh and Urling Kingery                                                                                         |
| Northern Parula           | 6/1     | 1m           | Mineral Palace Park                                     | Pueblo           | Brandon Percival                                                                                                |
| Tropical Parula           | 6/23    | 1m           | Pt. Collins-Grandview Cemetery                          | Larimer          | J Kellner, D Schottler, D Nelson, N Lewis, E Zorawowicz, M Peterson, K Lewentowicz, L Edwards-singing, photos   |
| Overbird                  | 6/3     | 1            | Castlewood Canyon SP                                    | Douglas          | Hugh and Urling Kingery                                                                                         |
| Overbird                  | 6/12    | 2            | Castlewood Canyon SP-NW entrance                        | Douglas          | Joey Kellner                                                                                                    |
| Hepatic Tanager           | 6/1-30  | 1 nest       | Trinidad                                                | Las Animas       | Joyce Wolff                                                                                                     |
| Hepatic Tanager           | 6/17    | 1m, 1f       | Exit 42 off I-25-dirt rd. at end of the railroad tracks | Huerfano         | Joey Kellner, Steve Stachowick                                                                                  |
| Clay-colored Sparrow      | 6/3     | 1            | Tamarak Ranch-dirt rd. going west along river           | Logan            | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek-late migrant                                                                         |
| Field Sparrow             | 6/3     | 2            | Tamarak Ranch-dirt rd. going east from checkstation     | Logan            | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek-singing                                                                              |
| Northern Cardinal         | 6/1     | 1            | Castlewood Canyon SP                                    | Douglas          | Bob Shade                                                                                                       |
| Northern Cardinal         | 6/3     | 1            | Castlewood Canyon SP                                    | Douglas          | Hugh and Urling Kingery-same bird                                                                               |
| Blue Grosbeak             | 6/5     | 1            | Audubon Center @ Chatfield                              | Jefferson        | Hugh and Urling Kingery                                                                                         |
| Blue Grosbeak             | 6/26-30 | 3            | Franktown                                               | Douglas          | Hugh and Urling Kingery                                                                                         |
| Eastern Meadowlark        | 6/23    | 1            | Belvue-25E Rd.                                          | Larimer          | J Kellner, D Schottler, D Nelson, N Lewis, E Zorawowicz, M Peterson, K Lewentowicz, L Edwards-singing & calling |

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| Pied-billed Grebe           |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 9   |     |     | 10    |
| Eared Grebe                 |     |     |     |     |     |     | 40  |     |                 |     |     |     | 40    |
| Western Grebe               |     |     | 17  |     |     |     |     | 2   |                 |     |     |     | 19    |
| American White Pelican      | x   |     | 2   |     |     |     |     | 2   |                 | 9   |     |     | 13    |
| Double-crested Cormorant    |     |     | 10  |     |     |     |     | 10  |                 | 3   |     |     | 23    |
| Great Blue Heron            | x   |     | 4   |     | 1   |     |     | 1   |                 | 2   |     |     | 8     |
| Great Egret                 |     |     | 4   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 4     |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 2   |     |     | 2     |
| Turkey Vulture              | x   | 2   |     |     |     | 5   |     | 1   |                 |     |     | 2   | 10    |
| Canada Goose                | x   |     | 2   | 40  |     |     | 53  | 30  |                 |     |     |     | 125   |
| Wood Duck                   | x   |     | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Gadwall                     | x   |     | 2   |     |     |     | 8   |     |                 |     |     |     | 10    |
| American Wigeon             | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 0     |
| Mallard                     | x   | 1   | 41  |     | 2   |     | 10  | 10  |                 | 3   | 6   |     | 73    |
| Blue-winged Teal            | x   |     | 8   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 8     |
| Cinnamon Teal               | x   |     | 8   |     |     |     | 4   | 2   |                 |     |     |     | 14    |
| Northern Shoveler           | x   |     | 13  |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 13    |
| Northern Pintail            | x   |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| Green-winged Teal           | x   |     |     |     |     |     | 4   |     |                 |     |     |     | 4     |
| Redhead                     |     |     | 4   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 4     |
| Ring-necked Duck            | x   |     |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |                 |     | 2   |     | 4     |
| Greater Scaup               | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 0     |
| Common Merganser            | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Ruddy Duck                  | x   |     | 4   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 4     |
| Osprey                      |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |                 |     | 2   |     | 3     |
| Bald Eagle                  | x   |     | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk          | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 0     |
| Cooper's Hawk               |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     | 3   |                 | 1   |     |     | 5     |
| accipiter sp.               |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Swainson's Hawk             | x   |     | 10  |     |     |     | 1   | 4   |                 | 1   |     |     | 16    |
| Red-tailed Hawk             | x   | 3   | 1   |     |     | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2               | 1   |     |     | 12    |
| western races               |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |                 |     |     |     | (2)   |
| Ferruginous Hawk            |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Golden Eagle                | x   | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| American Kestrel            | x   | 1   | 2   |     |     |     | 2   |     | 2               |     |     |     | 7     |
| Prairie Falcon              |     | 5   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 5     |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     | 1   |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| Virginia Rail               | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2   |                 | 2   |     |     | 4     |
| Sora                        | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 2   |     |     | 2     |
| American Coot               | x   |     | 6   |     |     |     | 6   | 4   |                 |     |     |     | 16    |
| Sandhill Crane              | x   |     | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Killdeer                    | x   |     | 27  |     |     |     | 2   | 3   |                 | 1   |     |     | 33    |
| Black-necked Stilt          |     |     | 5   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 5     |
| American Avocet             |     |     |     |     |     |     | 7   |     |                 |     |     |     | 7     |
| Lesser Yellowlegs           |     |     | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Willet                      | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 0     |
| Spotted Sandpiper           | x   |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| Marbled Godwit              | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 0     |

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| Long-billed Dowitcher         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 0     |
| Wilson's Snipe                | x   |     | 3   |     |     |     | 4   |     |                 |     |     |     | 7     |
| Wilson's Phalarope            |     |     | 2   |     |     |     | 5   |     |                 |     |     |     | 7     |
| Ring-billed Gull              |     |     | 8   |     |     |     |     | 3   |                 |     |     |     | 11    |
| California Gull               |     |     | 2   |     |     |     | 1   | 1   |                 |     |     |     | 4     |
| Rock Pigeon                   | x   | 14  | 5   |     |     | 12  |     |     |                 | 2   |     |     | 33    |
| Eurasian Collared-dove        |     |     | 5   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 5     |
| Mourning Dove                 | x   | 4   |     |     | 1   |     |     | 4   |                 | 8   |     |     | 17    |
| Great Horned Owl              | x   | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| Northern Pygmy-Owl            |     |     |     | 1   |     | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| Lesser Nighthawk              |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| Common Nighthawk              |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     | 1               |     |     |     | 3     |
| White-throated Swift          | x   | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| Black-chinned Hummingbird     | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird      |     | 9   |     | 12  | 4   | 7   | 24  |     | 3               | 5   | 7   | 6   | 77    |
| Belted Kingfisher             | x   |     | 1   |     |     |     | 1   |     |                 | 1   | 1   |     | 4     |
| Williamson's Sapsucker        |     |     |     |     |     | 4   |     |     |                 |     | 1   |     | 5     |
| Red-naped Sapsucker           |     |     |     | 4   |     |     | 8   |     |                 |     | 1   | 1   | 14    |
| Downy Woodpecker              | x   |     | 2   |     |     | 2   |     |     |                 | 3   |     |     | 7     |
| Hairy Woodpecker              | x   | 1   |     | 5   |     | 3   |     |     | 1               |     | 2   | 1   | 13    |
| Northern Flicker              | x   | 2   |     |     | 1   | 7   | 8   | 3   | 2               | 15  | 2   |     | 40    |
| "Yellow-shafted" race         |     |     |     |     |     |     | (8) |     |                 |     |     |     | (8)   |
| "Red-shafted" race            |     |     |     |     | (1) |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | (1)   |
| Western Wood-Pewee            | x   | 4   | 2   | 6   | 3   | 4   | 3   |     |                 | 6   |     |     | 28    |
| Willow Flycatcher             | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 0     |
| Dusky Flycatcher              |     |     |     |     |     | 3   | 1   |     |                 |     |     |     | 4     |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher        | x   | 3   |     | 1   | 1   |     |     |     |                 | 1   | 3   | 2   | 11    |
| Empidonax sp.                 | x   |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Western Kingbird              | x   |     | 13  |     | 1   |     |     | 2   |                 | 3   |     |     | 19    |
| Eastern Kingbird              | x   |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Loggerhead Shrike             |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Vireo sp.                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     | 1     |
| Plumbeous Vireo               | x   |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 2     |
| Cassin's Vireo                | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 0     |
| Warbling Vireo                | x   | 1   |     | 15  | 7   | 2   | 10  |     | 2               | 4   |     | 7   | 48    |
| Gray Jay                      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1               |     |     |     | 1     |
| Steller's Jay                 | x   | 2   |     |     |     | 9   |     |     | 3               |     | 2   |     | 16    |
| Blue Jay                      |     | 1   | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Western Scrub-Jay             |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Black-billed Magpie           | x   | 6   | 2   | 5   |     | 6   | 16  | 2   |                 | 2   | 1   |     | 40    |
| American Crow                 | x   | 2   |     | 6   | 2   |     | 18  |     | 4               | 1   | 4   | 3   | 40    |
| Common Raven                  | x   | 3   |     | 7   |     | 2   | 10  |     | 3               |     | 2   | 1   | 28    |
| Horned Lark                   |     |     | 30  |     |     |     | 25  |     |                 |     |     |     | 55    |
| Tree Swallow                  | x   | 2   |     | 30  |     |     | 40  | 5   | 6               |     |     |     | 83    |
| Violet-green Swallow          | x   | 20  |     | 15  | 4   | 12  | 2   | 2   | 2               | 4   | 2   | 1   | 64    |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow | x   |     |     | 1   |     |     |     | 10  |                 |     |     |     | 11    |
| Bank Swallow                  |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     | 2   |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Cliff Swallow                 | x   | 15  | 60  | 10  |     |     | 50  | 5   |                 | 4   |     |     | 144   |
| Barn Swallow                  | x   | 2   | 44  |     | 2   |     | 4   | 10  |                 | 1   |     |     | 63    |
| Black-capped Chickadee        | x   | 2   |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |                 | 1   |     |     |       |



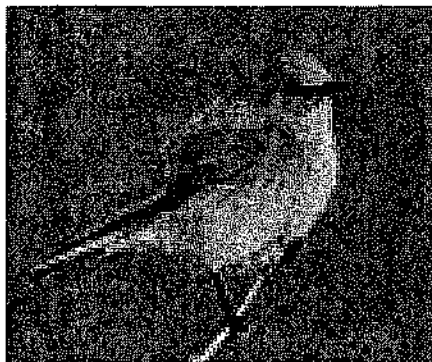
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| Red-breasted Nuthatch       |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |                 |     | 3   | 4    | 1     |    |
| White-breasted Nuthatch     | x   | 3   | 1   | 1   | 2   |     |     | 3   |                 | 2   | 1   | 13   | 7     |    |
| Pygmy Nuthatch              |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 5   |                 |     |     | 5    | 0     |    |
| Rock Wren                   |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 1    | 1     |    |
| Canyon Wren                 |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 1    | 1     |    |
| House Wren                  | x   | 6   | 2   | 6   | 15  | 8   | 1   | 4   | 19              | 1   | 4   | 66   | 38    |    |
| Marsh Wren                  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 10  |     |                 |     |     | 10   | 10    |    |
| American Dipper             | x   |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 2    | 2     |    |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet      |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 2    | 2     |    |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet        | x   |     | 20  |     | 2   | 14  |     |     |                 | 3   | 1   | 40   | 36    |    |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher       |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     | 2               |     |     | 4    | 2     |    |
| Western Bluebird            |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |                 |     | 2   | 4    | 1     |    |
| Mountain Bluebird           | x   | 5   | 1   |     | 7   | 20  |     | 6   |                 | 8   |     | 47   | 33    |    |
| Townsend's Solitaire        | x   |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     | 1    | 1     |    |
| Veery                       | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 0    | 0     |    |
| Swainson's Thrush           | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 0    | 0     |    |
| Hermit Thrush               |     |     |     |     | 1   | 6   |     |     |                 |     | 3   | 10   | 7     |    |
| American Robin              | x   | 3   | 25  | 25  | 6   | 12  | 12  | 10  | 2               | 12  | 1   | 10   | 118   | 93 |
| Gray Catbird                | x   | 2   |     |     | 3   |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 5    | 5     |    |
| Northern Mockingbird        |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 2    | 2     |    |
| Sage Thrasher               | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 0    | 0     |    |
| Brown Thrasher              |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 2    | 2     |    |
| European Starling           | x   | 7   | 52  |     |     |     | 12  | 10  |                 | 23  |     | 104  | 81    |    |
| Cedar Waxwing               | x   | 7   |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 7    | 7     |    |
| Yellow Warbler              | x   | 5   | 2   | 4   | 8   |     | 5   | 10  |                 | 16  |     | 50   | 34    |    |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler       | x   |     |     | 7   |     | 4   | 10  |     |                 | 1   | 6   | 28   | 21    |    |
| "Audubon's" race            |     |     |     |     |     |     | 10  |     |                 |     |     | (10) | 10    |    |
| Ovenbird                    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     | 7   | 7    | 0     |    |
| Common Yellowthroat         |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     | 1   |                 |     |     | 3    | 3     |    |
| Wilson's Warbler            | x   |     |     | 20  |     |     | 5   |     |                 |     |     | 25   | 25    |    |
| Yellow-breasted Chat        |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2               |     |     | 3    | 1     |    |
| Western Tanager             |     |     |     |     | 2   | 2   |     |     |                 |     | 5   | 9    | 4     |    |
| Green-tailed Towhee         | x   |     |     | 5   | 1   | 4   |     | 2   |                 |     |     | 12   | 10    |    |
| Spotted Towhee              | x   | 3   |     |     | 5   |     |     | 2   |                 |     |     | 10   | 8     |    |
| American Tree Sparrow       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 | 7   |     | 7    | 0     |    |
| Chipping Sparrow            |     | 2   |     |     | 3   |     |     | 21  |                 | 2   | 9   | 37   | 5     |    |
| Brewer's Sparrow            |     |     | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 3    | 3     |    |
| Vesper Sparrow              | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2               |     |     | 2    | 0     |    |
| Lark Sparrow                | x   | 1   | 10  |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 11   | 11    |    |
| Lark Bunting                |     |     | 43  |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 43   | 43    |    |
| Savannah Sparrow            | x   |     |     |     |     |     | 15  |     |                 |     |     | 15   | 15    |    |
| Song Sparrow                | x   | 3   | 2   | 2   | 10  | 1   |     | 5   |                 | 4   |     | 27   | 23    |    |
| Lincoln's Sparrow           | x   |     |     | 3   |     | 2   | 5   |     |                 |     |     | 10   | 10    |    |
| White-crowned Sparrow       | x   |     |     | 1   |     |     | 20  |     | 2               |     |     | 23   | 21    |    |
| Dark lored races            |     |     |     |     |     |     | 20  |     |                 |     |     | (20) | 20    |    |
| Dark-eyed Junco             | x   |     |     | 4   |     | 2   | 25  |     | 3               | 1   | 2   | 37   | 31    |    |
| "Gray-headed" race          |     |     |     | 4   |     |     | 25  |     |                 |     |     | (29) | 29    |    |
| McCown's Longspur           |     |     | 14  |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 14   | 14    |    |
| Chestnut-collared Longspur  |     |     | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 3    | 3     |    |
| Black-headed Grosbeak       | x   |     | 1   |     | 4   |     |     |     |                 | 1   | 4   | 10   | 5     |    |

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| Lazuli Bunting              |     | 2   |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Bobolink                    | x   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 0     |
| Red-winged Blackbird        | x   | 1   | 135 | 5   |     |     | 2   | 30  |                 | 45  | 2   |     | 220   |
| Western Meadowlark          | x   | 1   | 23  |     |     |     | 8   | 10  | 2               | 3   |     |     | 47    |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird     | x   |     | 29  | 1   |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 30    |
| Brewer's Blackbird          | x   |     |     | 10  |     |     | 25  | 10  |                 |     |     |     | 45    |
| Common Grackle              | x   | 3   | 72  | 2   |     |     |     | 10  |                 | 14  |     |     | 101   |
| Great-tailed Grackle        |     |     | 10  |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 10    |
| Brown-headed Cowbird        | x   | 2   | 10  | 1   | 1   | 2   | 15  | 6   |                 | 5   |     | 1   | 43    |
| Orchard Oriole              |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Bullock's Oriole            | x   | 4   | 5   |     | 2   |     |     | 6   |                 | 4   |     |     | 22    |
| Pine Grosbeak               |     |     |     | 4   |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 4     |
| Cassin's Finch              | x   | 1   |     | 2   |     |     | 8   |     |                 |     |     |     | 11    |
| House Finch                 | x   | 9   | 10  |     | 3   |     |     | 10  |                 | 14  |     |     | 46    |
| Red Crossbill               |     | 21  |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |                 |     |     | 2   | 25    |
| Pine Siskin                 | x   | 4   |     | 2   |     | 3   | 25  |     |                 |     | 7   | 2   | 43    |
| Lesser Goldfinch            | x   | 12  |     |     | 10  |     |     |     |                 | 16  |     |     | 38    |
| American Goldfinch          | x   | 1   | 1   |     | 5   |     |     | 6   |                 | 5   |     |     | 18    |
| House Sparrow               | x   | 3   | 43  | 5   |     |     | 6   |     |                 | 1   |     |     | 58    |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS           | 102 | 231 | 876 | 293 | 106 | 151 | 821 | 263 | 87              | 285 | 76  | 90  | 3,079 |
| TOTAL SPECIES               | xxx | 59  | 71  | 40  | 33  | 34  | 53  | 44  | 26              | 46  | 28  | 27  | 149   |

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.



### Colorado Bluebird Project

Photo by Bill Schmoker

We apologize for our inability to show you this bird in its colorful glory—for those of you who cannot get enough of the brilliant blue of the Mountain Bluebird, and don't have any in your backyard, we encourage you to visit Bill's site, <http://www.schmoker.org/BirdPics/MOBL.html>

The Bluebird project, sponsored by the Audubon Society of Greater Denver, is making a concentrated effort to locate all existing all blue bird trails in the state, identify areas suitable for bluebird trails, and provide support to monitors in reporting the annual results to the national databases (North American Bluebird Society & Cornell Lab of Ornithology).

All summer long, many monitors have been collecting data and although it would be presumptuous on this editor/monitor's part, this year would appear to be a better year for Bluebirds (Western and Mountain). Many birds are mid-way through raising their second brood, good news indeed!

Please report sightings and your ideas for future monitoring or new trails to [bluebirdproject@denveraudubon.org](mailto:bluebirdproject@denveraudubon.org).

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Regular individual or family membership is \$20.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month should contact the Treasurer (Christy Honnen, 303.290.6187) as she usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing. Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month of issue. The Editors reserve the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement.

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Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations.

Our web [www.dfobirders.org](http://www.dfobirders.org) lists current field trip schedules that you can download. Changes to trip schedules will be posted on the site.

## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings:** Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

### Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

**All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year**

**If paid after October 1st. If you would to have the Lark Bunting emailed to you, please include your email address and check the boxx below.**

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## October 5, 2005 Program *How Healthy are our State Parks?*

*Rob Billerbeck, manager of Resource Stewardship and Natural Areas for Colorado State Parks, and Elizabeth Gillespie, CSP biologist, will discuss the status of wildlife in our parks. Rob currently oversees biological inventories in parks and natural areas, and is responsible for projects for threatened and endangered species habitat. Did you know you can tell a lot about an area by knowing about the raptors? They are looking for volunteers to monitor raptor activity - if you can regularly visit a state park and possess knowledge of raptors, you may be a candidate! Come hear about this opportunity to contribute to your state parks.*

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*Reminder: Join us for our September 7<sup>th</sup> program: "Birds in the Hand", an anthology of poems & stories about birds, by Colorado author Kent Nelson. Bring your books to autograph, or buy one there.*

*To get to the VIP Room at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building, just left of the main entrance. A security guard will direct you to the VIP Room. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.*

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## September Field Trips

**Saturday, September 3**

**Prewitt Reservoir**

*Leader: Joey Kellner 303.978.1748. Meet leader at 0500 at Colorado Division of Wildlife parking lot (6060 N. Broadway). Exit I-25 at 58<sup>th</sup> Ave. and go west to Broadway, then north to CDOW. Lots of morning walking below the dam for migrants and afternoon shorebirding. Bring lunch and lots of water. A \$3 State Wildlife Area fee per vehicle applies.*

**Sunday, September 4**

**South Table Mountain**

*Leader: Mike Foster 303.456.2647. This is one of the leader's favorite sites, so come discover the secrets of this grassland/shrubland surrounded by the city but invisible to it. Meet at 0730 at Wild Bird Center, in shopping center at 32<sup>nd</sup> & Youngfield/Wheat Ridge (exit 264 off I-70). We'll return to WBC for refreshments - half day trip. Expect to climb 700' & hike 2-3 miles. Please call leader if you intend to come.*

### **FALL COUNT SCHEDULE 2005**

Denver has conducted Fall Bird Counts for over 20 years. DFO and Audubon Society of Denver sponsor this tradition. No fees, but some sites require pre-registration.

**Thursday, September 8**

#### **Cherry Creek Reservoir**

Leader: J.B. Hayes 303.798.9683. Meet leader at 0700 at Marina, inside west entrance near Cherry Creek H.S. State Parks pass required.

**Saturday, September 10**

#### **Barr Lake State Park**

Leader: Dick Schottler 303.278.8035. Meet at 0630 at RMBO, 14500 Lark Bunting Lane (south off Bromley Lane- from I-76, first road east of railroad track). This is a 10 mile, all-day hike around the lake.

#### **Barr Lake Periphery**

Leader: Jackie King 303.287.1644. Meet at 0700 at entrance gate to Barr Lake State Park. This trip does not involve much walking and will be good for birders with limited mobility or stamina.

#### **Chatfield State Park**

Leader: Joey Kellner 303.278.1748. Meet at 0600 at west (Wadsworth) entrance to park. State Parks pass required.

#### **Rocky Mountain Arsenal**

Leader: Lynn Willcockson 303.757.7000. Call leader to sign up either before 8/28 or after 9/08.

#### **Waterton**

Leader: Bob Brown 303.791.6204. Meet at 0630 at Discovery Pavilion (left turn immediately after turning onto Waterton/Roxborough Road and before DOW Waterton Canyon parking lot). Downstream, 4-5 mile hike. Wear long pants (not shorts) due to bare-leg-unfriendly plants such as poison ivy, thistles, and knapweed.

**Sunday, September 11**

#### **Castlewood Canyon State Park**

Leader: Randy Lentz 303.680.3381. Meet at 0630 at the Homestead. From CO 86, .05 miles west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Road, go 2 miles to old entrance. Homestead is first parking lot on the left. State Parks pass required.

**Monday, September 12**

#### **Lower Bear Creek & Marston Lake**

Leader: Tamie Bulow 303.462.1238. Meet at 0700 at Albertson's parking lot, NW corner of Hampden & Sheridan. Please call leader.

**Saturday, September 17** **Barr Lake State Park**  
Leader: Glenn Walbek 720.560.3671. Meet leader at 0700 at Barr Lake Nature Center. State Park pass required. Half-day trip; lunch optional.

**Sunday, September 18** **Boulder County Hot Spots**  
Leader: Bill Schmoker 303.702.9589. Meet leader at 0700 at the Cottonwood Marsh parking area at Walden Ponds. We'll start here and head for wherever the birds are! Half-day trip; lunch optional.

**Saturday, September 24** **Rigli Ranch**  
Leader: Joe Rigli 970.483.5200. Call Meredith Anderson (303.280.8576) for carpool information. Meet leader at 0900 at ranch. From Hudson, go east on CO 52 for approx. 32 miles until it turns north. Do not turn north, but continue east on Morgan County Road F for another 14 miles to the first white house on the left where two boxcars are visible. All day trip, bring lunch and extra water.

**Saturday, September 24** **Rocky Mountain Arsenal**  
Leader: David Rhodes 303.424.8633. Space limited - must call leader to sign up. Half-day trip (bird to about 1 p.m.).

**Sunday, September 25** **Waterton Canyon**  
Leader: Paul Slingsby 303.422.3728. Meet leader at 0730 at the Discovery Pavilion parking area (see directions under Fall Counts). Heed long pants, bring lunch and plenty of water.

**Saturday, October 1** **Platte River Bikeway**  
Leader: Jackie King 303.287.1644. Meet at 0800 at 88<sup>th</sup> & Platte River, half-day, bring lunch. Welcome to mobility impaired birders.

**Sunday, October 2** **Barr Lake State Park**  
Leader: Gregg Goodrich 303.655.9135. Meet at 0800 at the Nature Center. Half-day, lunch optional. State Parks pass required.

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**Special notes:**

Our Lark Bunting editor, Veronica Holt, is rehabilitating after an emergency hip replacement due to a fall at her son's wedding reception in Florida. We wish her well, and hope she can come home soon....especially this stand-in editor! Tamie

"Warm thanks to all the DFO members who sent & phoned caring messages when Bill died. I appreciated each one - they made me smile."  
Fondly, Patty Echelmeyer

## "THE BIG SIT"

*When: Sunday, October 9, 2005 (drop by dawn to dusk)*

*Where: Chatfield State Park's Heronry Overlook platform*

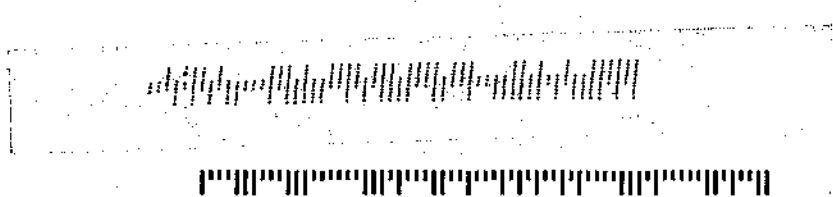
*What is a "Big Sit"??? A BIG SIT is similar to the birding event called a "Big Day"- in both events participants try to count as many species as possible. The difference is that in a Big Day, you travel all over kingdom come, whereas during a BIG SIT you sit or stand in one location!*

*Bring your own chair, favorite beverage & snacks and help us find birds. We'll keep a day total, and do hourly counts, so there are always new birds to add to the list. This will be the third year DFO has sponsored the "DFO Insaniacs", and we have had the highest BIG SIT count for Colorado two years running! Spend an hour or the whole day - you will have fun!*

*Check out the nationwide website at*

*<http://www.birdwatchersdigest.com/site/funbirds/bigsit/bigsit.aspx>*

*For additional information, please call Joey Kellner 303.978.1748*



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*How Healthy are our State Parks?*  
Wednesday October 5, 7:30pm

Rob Billerbeck, manager of Resource Stewardship and Natural Areas for Colorado State Parks (CSP) Working directly with Rob is Elizabeth Gillespie, Stewardship Coordinator, who oversees and performs biological inventories on parks and natural areas. Rob has a master's in conservation biology and his section is responsible for reviewing all State Parks development projects for threatened and endangered species habitat.

Did you know you can tell a lot about an area by knowing about the raptors? They are looking for volunteers to monitor raptor activity—if you can regularly visit a state park, and possess knowledge of raptors, you could be a candidate!

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## October Field Trips

Saturday, October 1: *Platte River Bikeway*

Leader: Jackie King, 303.287.1644. Meet at 0800 at 88<sup>th</sup> and the Platte River. Bring lunch, half day trip. Welcome to mobility-impaired birders.

Sunday October 2 *Barr Lake State Park*

Leader: Gregg Goodrich, 303.655.9135. Meet at Nature Center at 0800. Lunch optional, half day trip. Parks pass needed. Gregg knows the area and its creatures!

Saturday October 8 *Carson Nature Center/South Platte River*

Leaders: Leanne and Bob Brown, 303.791.6204. Meet at 0800 at Carson Nature Center's parking lot, north of Mineral Ave., 1 block west of S. Santa Fe Drive. Half day trip, easy walking, good for new birders.

Sunday October 9 *The Big Sit! Chatfield State Park*

Leader: Joey Kellner, 303.978.1748. Come for an hour or stay all day (from dawn 'til dusk). Follow the *Big Sit* signs to the Park's heronry overlook platform. We'll count species from one location. Bring your own (easy) chair, or use the Park's benches. Join us for the nationwide event – call Joey if you have questions – he has all the answers!

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## October 2005 Field Trips, continued

Saturday October 15 *Boulder*

Leader: Ted Floyd, 303.444.6363. Meet at 0800 at Walden Ponds, Cottonwood Marsh parking lot. Take US 36 to Boulder, turn right at Foothills Parkway. Go north two miles to Arapahoe Avenue, east to 75<sup>th</sup> Street (2.8 miles). Go north on 75<sup>th</sup> past Valmont Road and railroad tracks (2.2 miles). Turn left at Wildlife Habitat sign, follow road west and south to parking lot. Bring lunch, half day - option to continue. You'll have fun and learn much from this enthusiastic expert.

Sunday October 16 *Cherry Creek Recreation Area*

Leader: Mary Burger, 303.771.3431. Meet at 0800 inside West gate. Go east from Yosemite Street on Union Avenue past Cherry Creek High School. Park pass needed, half day trip, good time for good birds!

Saturday October 22 *Rocky Mountain Arsenal*

Leader: Dave Rhodes, 303.424.8633. Call leader for details. Limited number of participants. Probably 0800 to 1300. Always surprises out there!

Sunday October 23 *Big Dry Creek Open Space (Westminster)*

Leaders: Norm Lewis and Debbie Westbrook, 303.988.5544. Meet at 0800 at library parking lot of Front Range Community College on north side of 112<sup>th</sup> about half way between Federal and Sheridan. Half day trip, species here are surprising.

Saturday October 29 *Chatfield State Park*

Leader: Ed Holub, 303.979.2194. Meet leader at 0800 inside west gate off Wadsworth, one and a half miles south of C-470. Lunch a good idea, Park pass needed.

Sunday October 30 *Longmont Area (Daylight Savings Time!)*

Leader: Dick Pratt, 303.651.6860. Meet at 0800. Go north on I-25 to Longmont exit 240 (Highway 119). Meet at Park 'n Ride on SE corner of intersection. Full day, bring lunch. (It's about 20 minutes north of Denver.) Ducks,

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### Contributions to the Rare Bird Alert/Educational Endowment Fund:

Daren O'Brien, thank you.

## Field Trip Summaries, July 2005

July 2, Saturday

*Lair o' the Bear and Mount Falcon (LAI)*

Leader(s): Norm Lewis. Observers: Peggy Hankins, Jennifer Larson, Charlie Lawrence. Time: 0700-1300.

Distance: 14 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, foothill scrub, coniferous forest, elevation.

Weather: Clear to partly cloudy, warm, 60-90°F, wind 0-10 mph. Totals: 45 species, 211 individuals.

July 3, Sunday

*Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOL)*

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. Observers: Dick Schottler, Mary Stallings. Time: 0700-1530. Distance: 12 miles by

car, 1.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Montane riparian, willow, cottonwood, aspen, pine/douglas fir forest, elevation

8000-8800'. Weather: Sunny morning, mostly cloudy afternoon, 60-80°F, west wind, 0-15 mph. Totals: 44 species, 248 individuals.

July 9, Saturday

*Rocky Mountain National Park (ROC)*

Leader(s): Bob Righter. Observers: Ellie Baker, Steve and Andy Bankert, Mary Burns, Patty Echelmeyer, Warren Finch, Pauline Ide, Jill Kneak, Jennifer Larson, Don and Diane Mullineaux, Mary Ellen Sargent, Dick Schottler, Bob Shade, Mary Stallings, Dick Williams, Bob Zilly. Time: 0800-1500. Distance: 40 miles by car, 2 miles

on foot. Habitat: Tundra, mountain meadow, ponderosa, mountain riparian, elevation 7800-11800'. Weather:

Clear, cloudy, rain, 71-82°F, wind west, 4-10 mph. Totals: 38 species, 189 individuals.

July 10, Sunday

*Chimney Gulch (CHI)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. Observers: Bill Eden, Clifford and Pauline Ide, Christa Jones, Lucy McCarthy, Alistair and Barb Montgomery, Patti O'Neill, Bob Santangelo, Angela Selman, Marleen Swalm, Marian Wack. Time:

0715-1145. Distance: 3.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Mountain grassland, mountain shrub, mountain riparian,

mixed conifer. Weather: Clear, warm. Totals: 32 species, 79 individuals.

July 16, Saturday

*Genesee Park Area (GEN)*

Leader(s): Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Bryan and Kristin Arnold, Mary Jane Biedenbach, Peggy Hankins, Jennifer Larson, Chuck Lowrie, Glen Rodriguez, Mary Stallings. Time: 0800-1300. Distance: 30 miles by car,

.25 miles on foot. Habitat: Elevation 7000'. Weather: Clear, few clouds at end, 75-85°F, wind 5 mph. Totals: 30 species, 182 individuals.

July 17, Sunday

*Deer Creek Canyon and Myer Ranch Park (DEE)*

Leader(s): JB Hayes. Observers: Ed Holub, Pauline Ide, Steve McKinney, Neil Montague, Paulika Siraa.

Time: 0700-1450. Distance: 39 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, scrub oak, mixed ponderosa/fir/spruce forest, meadows, elevation 5300-7800'. Weather: Clear to partly cloudy, 71-83°F, north wind 0-5

mph. Totals: 57 species, 417 individuals.

July 23, Saturday

*Filius Park, Echo Lake and Summit Lake (FIL)*

Leader(s): Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Bryan and Kristin Arnold, Tom and Mary Burger, Warren Finch, Lyn Graves, Charlie Lawrence, Anne Robinson, Mary Ellen Sargent, Trish Schumacher. Time: 0730-1400. Dis-

tance: 54 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Ponderosa pine, spruce forest, lakeside with willows, and tundra, elevation 7800-12800'. Weather: Clear morning, mostly cloudy afternoon, 51-82°F, northwest wind, 15-20 mph morning and variable 10-15 mph afternoon. Totals: 38 species, 136 individuals.

July 30, Saturday

*Lyons Area (LYO)*

Leader(s): Raymond Davis. Observers: Mary Burger, Patty Echelmeyer, Paula Hansley, Ellie Jones, Tina Jones, Charlie and Jerry Lawrence, Diana Mullineaux, Sue Schulman, Bob Spencer, Mary Stallings, Ellis

Walker. Time: 0830-1330. Distance: 20 miles car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Riparian and cliffside foothills, dry ponderosa, elevation 5300-6000'. Weather: Perfect, no wind, almost hot. Totals: 45 species, 316 individuals.

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## July 2005 Field Trip Summaries, continued

July 31, Sunday *Rocky Mountain National Park (ROC)*

Leader(s): Wayne and Dianna Johnston. Observers: Jeff and Diane Carter, Leslie Gerard, Allen Hagood, Polleke Siraa, Joyce Takamine, Connie Takamine, Dick Pratt, Ann and Henry Swift. Time: 0800-1500. Habitat: Elevation 11000'. Totals: 32 species, 132 individuals.

### Tuesday Birders

July 5 *Pine Valley Ranch Jeffco Open Space Park (PIN)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 18. Time: 0830-1200. Distance: 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Reservoir with lake, ponderosa pine, blue spruce, Douglas fir and grassy meadow, elevation 7200'. Weather: Partly cloudy, 60-80°F, wind light. Totals: 38 species, 133 individuals.

July 12 *Mt Evans – Squaw Pass, Echo and Summit Lakes (MTE)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 12. Time: 0900-1230. Distance: 40 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Tundra, lakes, ponderosa and bristlecone pine, aspen and some riparian, elevation 9000-12930'. Weather: Clear to partly cloudy, 77-63°F, variable wind, 0-5 mph. Totals: 28 species, 90 individuals.

July 19 *Stapleton Park – Selby's Feeders, Braille Trail, Genesee Mtn Park (STA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 22. Time: 0830-1330. Distance: 2 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, ponderosa pine woodland, elevation 7200-7600'. Weather: Clear, 65-87°F, variable wind, 0-5 mph. Totals: 23 species, 110 individuals.

July 26 *South Side Guanella Pass – Grant to Duck Creek Picnic Area (SOU)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 9. Time: 0830-1400. Distance: 15 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. Habitat: Reservoir with lake, ponderosa pine, blue spruce, Douglas fir and grassy meadows, elevation 8200-9700'. Weather: Mostly sunny, 60-63°F, northwest wind, 0-9 mph. Totals: 23 species, 71 individuals.

### Last Chance!

#### One Day Raptor Photography Workshop, with W. Perry Conway

Perry Conway, of Louisville, is offering Denver Field Ornithologist members the opportunity to participate in a dawn to dusk, one day Raptor Photography Workshop. Perry is a nationally known wildlife photographer, excellent biologist, and a highly respected educator. In addition, he leads photo expeditions for Joseph Van Os to such exotic places as East Africa and Antarctica. The workshop will occur on a Saturday, November 5, 2005, and participants will have the opportunity to photograph 7 to 9 raptor species (Golden and Bald Eagles, Peregrine, Snowy and 3 other owls, etc.), most owned by HawkQuest, in natural settings in the Boulder area. The workshop is set up for a 300 mm lens, film or digital, with a minimum of 10 and maximum group size of 14 DFO members, and we still have a few spots left. If you are interested or have questions, please call Chris Blakeslee at (303) 694-4670.



From Joey Kellner, a photo of the FIRST State Record White-eared Hummingbird seen in Durango on 7/12/2005.

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|                                        | 2               | 3          | 9        | 10       | 16       | 17  | 23       | 30  | 31  | 5   | 12              | 19  | 26  |            |       |
|                                        | LAI             | GOL        | ROC      | CHI      | GEN      | DEE | FIL      | LYO | ROC | PIN | MTE             | STA | SOU |            |       |
| Double-crested Cormorant               |                 |            |          |          |          |     |          |     |     | 1   |                 |     |     | 1          |       |
| Turkey Vulture                         |                 |            | 2        |          | 1        |     | 2        | 2   | 1   | 1   | 1               |     | 1   | 11         |       |
| Mallard                                |                 |            |          |          |          | 6   | 6        |     |     | 5   | 2               |     |     | 19         |       |
| Lesser Scaup                           |                 |            |          |          |          |     |          |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 0          |       |
| Common Merganser                       |                 |            |          |          |          |     |          |     |     | 6   |                 |     |     | 6          |       |
| Cooper's Hawk                          | 3               |            |          |          |          |     |          |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 3          |       |
| accipiter sp.                          |                 |            |          |          |          | 2   |          |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 2          |       |
| Red-tailed Hawk<br>western races       | 2               | 1          |          | 1        | 1        | 3   | 1<br>(1) | 2   | 1   | 1   | 1               |     | 2   | 16<br>(1)  |       |
| Rough-legged Hawk                      |                 |            |          |          |          |     |          |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 0          |       |
| Golden Eagle                           |                 |            |          | 1        |          |     |          | 2   |     |     |                 |     |     | 3          |       |
| American Kestrel                       |                 |            |          | 2        |          |     |          | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     | 3          |       |
| White-tailed Ptarmigan                 |                 |            | 2        |          |          |     |          |     | 8   |     |                 |     |     | 10         |       |
| Spotted Sandpiper                      |                 |            |          |          |          | 2   |          |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 2          |       |
| Long-billed Dowitcher                  |                 |            |          |          |          |     |          |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 0          |       |
| Wilson's Snipe                         |                 |            |          |          |          |     | 1        |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 1          |       |
| Ring-billed Gull                       |                 |            |          |          |          | 1   |          |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 1          |       |
| Rock Pigeon                            |                 |            |          |          |          | 12  |          | 12  | 13  |     |                 |     |     | 37         |       |
| Band-tailed Pigeon                     |                 |            |          |          |          |     | 2        |     | 2   |     |                 |     |     | 4          |       |
| Mourning Dove                          |                 | 2          |          | 1        | 4        | 25  |          | 4   |     |     |                 |     |     | 36         |       |
| White-throated Swift                   |                 |            |          |          |          | 4   |          |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 4          |       |
| Calliope Hummingbird                   |                 |            |          |          |          |     |          | 2   |     |     |                 | 1   |     | 3          |       |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird               | 15              | 14         | 30       | 2        | 40       | 15  | 7        | 14  | 5   | 10  | 6               | 26  | 2   | 186        |       |
| Rufous Hummingbird                     |                 |            |          |          | 6        |     | 4        | 2   |     |     | 2               | 1   |     | 15         |       |
| Belted Kingfisher                      | 1               |            |          |          |          |     |          |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 1          |       |
| Williamson's Sapsucker                 |                 |            | 1        |          | 1        |     |          |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 2          |       |
| Red-naped Sapsucker                    |                 | 8          |          |          |          |     | 1        |     |     |     | 1               |     |     | 10         |       |
| Downy Woodpecker                       |                 | 3          |          |          |          | 4   |          | 1   |     |     |                 |     | 1   | 9          |       |
| Hairy Woodpecker                       | 1               | 2          |          |          | 3        | 2   |          |     | 2   |     | 2               | 2   |     | 14         |       |
| Northern Flicker<br>"Red-shafted" race | 2               | 12<br>(12) | 2<br>(2) | 1<br>(4) | 4<br>(4) | 4   | 1<br>(1) | 2   | 3   | 6   | 1               | 1   |     | 39<br>(19) |       |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher                 |                 |            |          |          | 4        |     |          |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 4          |       |
| Western Wood-Pewee                     | 2               | 2          | 1        |          |          | 3   | 2        | 12  |     | 1   |                 |     |     | 23         |       |
| Hammond's Flycatcher                   |                 | 1          | 2        |          |          |     |          |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 3          |       |
| Dusky Flycatcher                       |                 | 2          | 2        |          |          |     |          |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 4          |       |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher                 | 3               | 4          | 4        | 1        |          | 8   | 4        | 6   |     | 2   | 1               | 3   |     | 36         |       |
| empidonax sp.                          |                 |            |          |          | 4        |     |          |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 4          |       |
| Western Kingbird                       |                 |            |          | 1        |          | 4   |          |     |     |     |                 |     | 1   | 6          |       |
| Plumbeous Vireo                        | 4               |            |          |          |          | 2   |          |     |     | 1   |                 |     |     | 7          |       |
| Warbling Vireo                         | 6               | 8          |          | 2        |          |     |          |     |     | 3   |                 |     |     | 19         |       |
| Gray Jay                               |                 |            |          |          |          |     | 2        |     |     |     | 2               |     |     | 4          |       |
| Steller's Jay                          | 2               | 10         | 4        |          |          | 8   | 2        |     | 1   | 1   | 2               | 3   | 5   | 38         |       |
| Blue Jay                               |                 |            |          | 1        |          | 1   |          | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     | 3          |       |
| Western Scrub-Jay                      |                 |            |          | 2        |          | 3   |          |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 5          |       |

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| Clark's Nutcracker          |                 |     | 1   |     |     |     | 1   |     | 2   |                 | 6   |     |     | 10    |
| Black-billed Magpie         | 2               |     | 6   | 3   | 1   | 12  |     | 4   | 6   |                 |     | 1   | 1   | 36    |
| American Crow               | 13              | 1   | 4   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   |     | 2   |                 | 3   | 2   | 2   | 37    |
| Common Raven                | 4               | 5   | 6   |     |     | 2   | 30  |     | 7   | 3               | 6   | 2   | 7   | 72    |
| Horned Lark                 |                 |     | 4   |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |                 |     |     |     | 5     |
| Tree Swallow                | 4               | 8   | 8   |     |     | 2   |     |     |     | 1               | 25  |     | 1   | 49    |
| Violet-green Swallow        | 10              | 3   | 12  | 1   | 30  | 45  | 6   | 8   | 17  | 2               | 2   | 2   | 2   | 140   |
| Cliff Swallow               |                 | 1   |     | 3   |     | 20  |     |     | 2   |                 |     |     | 16  | 42    |
| Barn Swallow                | 1               |     |     |     |     | 14  |     | 3   | 3   | 11              |     |     |     | 32    |
| Black-capped Chickadee      | 4               |     |     | 1   |     | 5   |     | 2   | 1   |                 |     |     | 2   | 15    |
| Mountain Chickadee          | 5               | 3   | 4   |     | 12  | 2   | 2   | 1   | 5   | 3               | 2   | 6   | 3   | 48    |
| Bushtit                     |                 |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch       |                 | 2   | 1   |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 5     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch     | 4               | 1   |     |     | 8   |     | 2   | 3   | 3   |                 | 1   | 2   | 1   | 25    |
| Pygmy Nuthatch              | 3               | 5   | 4   |     | 6   |     | 4   |     | 10  |                 |     | 1   |     | 33    |
| Brown Creeper               |                 |     | 2   |     | 3   | 7   | 1   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 13    |
| Rock Wren                   | 3               | 1   |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |                 | 1   |     | 1   | 7     |
| Canyon Wren                 |                 |     |     |     |     | 1   |     | 2   |     |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| House Wren                  | 8               | 19  | 12  | 1   | 3   | 8   | 4   | 4   | 1   |                 | 2   | 2   |     | 64    |
| American Dipper             |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1               |     |     |     | 1     |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet        |                 | 5   | 10  |     |     |     | 1   |     |     | 4               | 2   | 2   |     | 24    |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher       | 2               |     |     |     |     | 2   |     | 1   |     |                 |     |     |     | 5     |
| Western Bluebird            |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1               |     | 4   |     | 5     |
| Mountain Bluebird           | 3               | 4   | 4   |     | 2   | 1   | 1   | 7   | 1   | 3               | 2   |     | 12  | 40    |
| Townsend's Solitaire        | 1               | 1   | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4               |     |     | 2   | 9     |
| Swainson's Thrush           |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Hermit Thrush               | 1               | 2   | 1   |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 5     |
| American Robin              | 12              | 32  | 20  | 3   | 2   | 13  | 3   | 6   | 5   | 11              | 2   |     | 4   | 113   |
| Gray Catbird                | 4               |     |     |     |     | 4   |     | 3   |     | 5               |     |     |     | 16    |
| European Starling           |                 |     |     |     |     | 5   |     | 120 |     |                 |     |     |     | 125   |
| American Pipit              |                 |     |     |     |     |     | 4   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 4     |
| Cedar Waxwing               | 2               |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3   |     |                 |     |     |     | 5     |
| Virginia's Warbler          |                 |     |     | 2   |     | 1   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Yellow Warbler              | 11              | 1   |     | 1   |     | 4   |     | 3   |     | 4               |     |     |     | 24    |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler       |                 | 2   | 2   | 2   |     | 1   | 3   |     |     | 4               |     |     |     | 14    |
| "Audubon's" race            |                 | 2   | 2   | (2) |     | 1   | 3   |     |     |                 |     |     |     | (10)  |
| MacGillivray's Warbler      |                 | 5   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |     |     | 2   | 7     |
| Wilson's Warbler            |                 |     |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |                 | 2   |     |     | 4     |
| Yellow-breasted Chat        |                 |     |     | 6   |     | 1   |     |     |     |                 |     |     |     | 7     |
| Western Tanager             | 4               | 5   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 3   |     |     |     |                 |     | 1   | 1   | 18    |
| Green-tailed Towhee         | 1               |     | 2   | 2   |     |     |     |     |     | 1               |     |     |     | 6     |
| Spotted Towhee              | 9               |     |     | 10  |     | 15  |     | 3   |     |                 |     |     |     | 37    |

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| Chipping Sparrow            |                 | 6    | 8   |     | 4   | 4   | 6   | 2   | 1   |  | 2               | 5   |     | 1   | 39    |
| Vesper Sparrow              | 2               |      | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     | 3     |
| Lark Sparrow                |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |  |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Savannah Sparrow            |                 |      |     |     |     | 6   |     |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     | 6     |
| Song Sparrow                | 6               | 3    |     | 6   |     | 4   |     | 3   |     |  | 8               |     |     |     | 30    |
| Lincoln's Sparrow           |                 | 9    | 2   |     |     | 1   | 7   |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     | 19    |
| White-crowned Sparrow       |                 |      | 2   |     |     |     | 4   |     | 3   |  |                 | 6   |     |     | 15    |
| Dark lored races            |                 |      |     |     |     |     | 4   |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     | (4)   |
| Dark-eyed Junco             | 4               | 15   | 8   |     | 5   | 1   | 6   |     | 1   |  |                 | 1   |     | 1   | 42    |
| "Gray-headed" race          | 4               | (15) | 8   |     | 5   | 1   | 6   |     | 1   |  |                 |     |     | 1   | (41)  |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak      |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  | 1               |     |     |     | 1     |
| Black-headed Grosbeak       | 2               | 3    |     |     | 4   | 16  |     | 3   | 2   |  | 2               |     | 3   |     | 35    |
| Lazuli Bunting              | 4               |      |     | 5   |     |     |     | 1   |     |  |                 |     |     |     | 10    |
| Red-winged Blackbird        | 1               | 11   |     |     |     | 6   |     |     | 9   |  | 3               |     |     |     | 30    |
| Western Meadowlark          |                 |      |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |  |                 | 1   |     |     | 2     |
| Brewer's Blackbird          |                 | 8    |     |     |     | 22  |     |     |     |  | 5               |     |     |     | 35    |
| Common Grackle              |                 | 3    |     |     |     | 1   |     | 18  |     |  |                 |     |     |     | 22    |
| Brown-headed Cowbird        | 2               | 10   |     | 2   |     | 18  | 1   |     |     |  | 2               |     |     |     | 35    |
| Bullock's Oriole            |                 |      |     | 3   |     | 1   |     | 1   |     |  |                 |     |     |     | 5     |
| Brown-capped Rosy-Finch     |                 |      |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| Cassin's Finch              |                 | 4    |     |     | 4   |     |     |     | 2   |  |                 |     |     |     | 10    |
| House Finch                 | 10              |      |     | 6   | 1   | 15  | 1   | 24  | 2   |  | 3               |     | 11  |     | 73    |
| Red Crossbill               |                 |      | 2   |     | 10  |     | 3   | 3   |     |  |                 |     | 2   |     | 20    |
| Pine Siskin                 | 4               | 1    | 10  |     | 10  |     | 2   | 12  | 10  |  | 1               |     | 29  |     | 79    |
| Lesser Goldfinch            | 20              |      |     | 4   | 4   | 40  |     | 5   |     |  | 9               |     | 3   |     | 85    |
| "Green-backed" race         |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  | 6               |     |     |     | (6)   |
| "Black-backed" race         |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  | 3               |     |     |     | (3)   |
| American Goldfinch          | 4               |      |     | 1   |     |     |     | 4   |     |  | 1               |     |     |     | 10    |
| Evening Grosbeak            |                 |      | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| House Sparrow               |                 |      |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |  |                 |     |     |     | 1     |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS           | 211             | 248  | 189 | 79  | 182 | 417 | 136 | 316 | 132 |  | 133             | 90  | 110 | 71  | 2,314 |
| TOTAL SPECIES               | 45              | 44   | 38  | 32  | 30  | 57  | 38  | 45  | 32  |  | 38              | 28  | 23  | 23  | 104   |

## July 2005 Additional Reports

| Species                 | Dates   | Number seen | Location                | County    | Observers & notes                                                       |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Peregrine Falcon        | 7/12    | 2ad, 1juv   | Wolf Creek Pass         | Mineral   | Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Ira Sanders, Glen Walbek                     |
| Common Nighthawk        | 7/14-17 | 20          | Pond at 44th & Eldridge | Jefferson | Robert Spencer, mcb.                                                    |
| White-eared Hummingbird | 7/12    | 1           | backyard in Durango     | La Plata  | Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Ira Sanders, Glen Walbek—first state record! |
| Acorn Woodpecker        | 7/12    | 5           | Near Wildcat Canyon     | La Plata  | Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Ira Sanders, Glen Walbek                     |
| Sage Thrasher           | 7/2     | 1           | Castle Rock             | Douglas   | Glen Walbek                                                             |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler  | 7/11    | 1           | Lair o the Bear         | Jefferson | JoAnn Hackos                                                            |
| Bobolink                | 7/1     | 1m, 1f      | Cherryvale OS           | Boulder   | Robert Spencer, mcb.                                                    |
| Pine Grosbeak           | 7/6     | 1m          | Echo Lake               | Gilpin    | Robert Spencer                                                          |

## August 2005 Field Trip Summaries

August 6, Saturday, *Rocky Mountain National Park (ROC)*, Trip information unavailable at time of printing.

August 7, Sunday *Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOL)*

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. Observers: Craig Anderson, Peggy Bonder, Allen Hagood, Shannon Jacobs, Bob Montgomery, Glenn Rodriguez, Polleke Siraa, Mary Stallings, Jacki Wallace, Ron Wang. Time: 0745-1200. Distance: 6 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Montane riparian, willow carr, aspen, montane conifer, elevation 8600'. Weather: Clear, 60-80°F, west wind, 0-5 mph. Totals: 30 species, 85 individuals.

August 13, Saturday *Belmar Park and Welchester Tree Park (BEL)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. Observers: Peggy Durham, Vaughn Hackett, Sylvia Robertson, Bob Spencer, Candace Taylor, Rich Urbanowski. Time: 0715-1100. Distance: 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Lake, grassland, park, marsh. Weather: Chilly and drizzle at first, then warmer and dry. Totals: 34 species, 366 individuals.

August 14, Sunday *Parker Regional Park (PAR)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. Observers: Mary Burger, Nicole Buyck, Jean Davis. Time: 0730-1130. Distance: 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian and suburban, elevation 5240'. Weather: Overcast and cool, 60-70°F, southwest wind, 5-10 mph. Totals: 43 species, 351 individuals.

August 20, Saturday *Longmont Area (LON)*

Leader(s): Chris Owens. Observers: Ellie Baker, Joan and Marty Blumberg, Allan Hagood, Pauline Ide, Kathleen Ottercrans, Dick Pratt, Polleke Siraa, Don Wang, Chuck Walters, Larry and Roni Wilson. Time: 0700-1335. Distance: 40 miles by car. Habitat: Ponds, agricultural, riparian, elevation 5000'. Weather: Clear, 60-80°F, wind variable, 0-10 mph. Totals: 48 species, 1017 individuals.

August 21, Sunday *Roxborough State Park (ROX)*

Leader(s): Doris Cruze. Observers: Nancy Crews, Tom Crews, Allen Hagood, Jill Holden, Clifford Ide, Pauline Ide, Michelle Johnson, Lynn Jordan, Paulette Maloy, Glenn Rodriguez, Debbie Seiden, Dana Wilson, Dennis Wojeicki. Time: 0730-1030. Distance: 2.3 miles on foot. Habitat: Scrub oak, open meadows, riparian, elevation 6000'. Weather: Cool, breezy, partly cloudy, 57-73°F, south-southwest wind, 13-15 mph. Totals: 34 species, 169 individuals.

August 27, Saturday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Lee and Marilyn Rowe. Observers: Vaughn Hackett, Nancy Hawkins, Bob Montgomery, Bob Pittell (Florida visitor), Peggy Roberts, Janet Sacks, Connie Takamine, Joyce Takamine. Time: 0800-1130. Distance: 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, elevation 5000'. Weather: Sunny, clear, 60-80°F, calm. Totals: 37 species, 667 individuals.

August 28, Sunday *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Bob and Lea Ann Brown. Observers: Warren Finch, Pauline Ida, Debbie Kennedy, Steve Kennedy, Mary Ellen Sargent. Time: 0730-1230. Distance: 14 miles by car, 3 miles by foot. Habitat: Near urban riparian, elevation 5350'. Weather: mostly clear, 65-85°F, calm. Totals: 41 species, 551 individuals.

### Tuesday Birders

August 2 *Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOL)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 19. Time: 0830-1200. Distance: 25 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Riparian, ponds, willow, meadows, aspen, ponderosa pine, blue spruce, elevation 8100-9500'. Weather: Sunny, 74-80°F, wind variable, 0-4 mph. Totals: 19 species, 35 individuals.

August 9 *Hall Valley (HAL)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. Observers: 18. Time: 0830-1200. Distance: 4 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. Habitat: Riparian meadows, willow stands, spruce, lodgepole, ponderosa and aspen woodlands, elevation 9300-10100'. Weather: Mostly cloudy to partly cloudy, 65-75°F, variable wind, 0-4 mph. Totals: 21 species, 88 individuals.

August 16 *Evergreen Lake, Mt Evans Elk Management Wildlife Area, Ground Hog Flats Creek Trail (EVE)*

Leader(s): Else Van Erp. Observers: 12. Time: 0830-1200. Distance: 16 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, ponderosa pine, douglas fir, spruce and aspen, elevation 7040-8600'. Weather: Partly sunny to mostly cloudy, 65-72°F, variable wind, 0-5 mph. Totals: 26 species, 195 individuals.



**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 291. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow and some ponderosa pine and blue spruce, elevation 6530'. **Weather:** Clear, 70-88°F, calm. **Totals:** 21

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|                               | 6<br>ROC        | 7<br>GOL | 13<br>BEL | 14<br>PAR | 20<br>LON | 21<br>ROX | 27<br>BAR | 28<br>CHE | 2<br>GOL        | 9<br>HAL | 16<br>EYE | 23<br>LOS | 30<br>LAI |       |
| Baird's Sandpiper             |                 |          |           |           |           |           | 24        |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 24    |
| Long-billed Dowitcher         |                 |          |           |           | 20        |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 20    |
| Red-necked Phalarope          |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 0     |
| Franklin's Gull               |                 |          |           |           | 20        |           | 50        |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 70    |
| Ring-billed Gull              |                 |          | 4         | 5         | 7         |           | 200       | 254       |                 |          |           |           |           | 470   |
| California Gull               |                 |          |           |           |           |           | 12        | 64        |                 |          |           |           |           | 76    |
| Great Black-backed Gull       |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |                 |          |           |           |           | 1     |
| Black Tern                    |                 |          |           | 2         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 2     |
| Rock Pigeon                   |                 |          | 3         | 2         | 5         |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 10    |
| Mourning Dove                 |                 |          | 3         | 10        | 5         | 2         | 3         | 1         | 1               |          |           | 6         |           | 31    |
| White-throated Swift          |                 |          |           |           |           | 4         |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 4     |
| Black-chinned Hummingbird     |                 |          |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1     |
| Calliope Hummingbird          |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |                 |          |           |           |           | 1     |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird      |                 | 9        |           | 2         | 2         | 10        |           |           | 4               | 4        | 7         | 6         | 8         | 52    |
| Rufous Hummingbird            |                 |          |           |           |           | 2         |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 2     |
| Belted Kingfisher             |                 |          | 2         | 2         | 2         |           |           | 3         |                 |          | 1         | 1         | 1         | 12    |
| Williamson's Sapsucker        |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           | 2         |           | 2     |
| Red-naped Sapsucker           |                 | 1        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 1        |           |           |           | 2     |
| Downy Woodpecker              |                 |          |           |           |           | 2         | 2         | 1         | 1               |          |           |           |           | 6     |
| Hairy Woodpecker              |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           | 3         | 1         | 4     |
| Northern Flicker              |                 | 2        | 2         | 1         | 2         | 6         | 2         | 3         | 1               | 2        |           | 1         |           | 22    |
| "Red-shafted" race            |                 | (2)      | (2)       |           | (2)       |           |           | (3)       |                 |          |           |           |           | (9)   |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher        |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          | 1         |           |           | 1     |
| Western Wood-Pewee            |                 | 2        |           | 8         |           | 1         |           | 2         | 4               |          | 2         | 1         | 3         | 23    |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher        |                 | 1        |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2               |          |           |           | 3         | 6     |
| Empidonax sp.                 |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 1        |           |           |           | 1     |
| Say's Phoebe                  |                 |          |           |           | 1         | 12        |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 13    |
| Western Kingbird              |                 |          |           | 6         | 2         |           | 5         |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 13    |
| Eastern Kingbird              |                 |          |           | 6         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 6     |
| Loggerhead Shrike             |                 |          |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           | 1         |           | 2     |
| Vireo sp.                     |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1               |          |           |           |           | 1     |
| Plumbeous Vireo               |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1               |          |           |           |           | 1     |
| Warbling Vireo                |                 | 2        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 1         | 3     |
| Red-eyed Vireo                |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1               |          |           |           |           | 1     |
| Gray Jay                      |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 3        |           |           |           | 3     |
| Steller's Jay                 |                 | 4        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 5        | 2         | 5         | 3         | 19    |
| Blue Jay                      |                 |          | 3         | 1         | 2         |           | 1         |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 7     |
| Western Scrub-Jay             |                 |          |           |           |           | 20        |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 20    |
| Clark's Nutcracker            |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 2        |           | 3         |           | 5     |
| Black-billed Magpie           |                 | 1        | 2         |           |           |           |           | 3         | 1               | 26       | 27        | 1         |           | 61    |
| American Crow                 |                 | 4        | 4         | 2         |           | 10        |           | 4         |                 |          | 4         | 7         | 3         | 38    |
| Common Raven                  |                 | 3        |           |           |           | 2         |           |           |                 | 1        | 2         |           |           | 8     |
| Tree Swallow                  |                 | 1        | 2         | 20        |           |           |           |           |                 | 12       | 1         | 2         |           | 38    |
| Violet-green Swallow          |                 |          | 4         | 1         |           | 16        |           |           |                 | 12       |           |           |           | 33    |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow |                 |          |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1     |
| Bank Swallow                  |                 |          |           | 4         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 4     |
| Cliff Swallow                 |                 |          | 4         | 40        | 70        |           |           | 3         |                 |          |           |           |           | 117   |
| Barn Swallow                  |                 |          | 2         | 50        | 122       |           |           | 12        |                 |          | 2         | 2         | 5         | 195   |
| swallow sp.                   |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          | 25        |           |           | 25    |
| Black-capped Chickadee        |                 | 2        | 1         | 4         |           | 6         | 4         | 7         | 2               |          |           | 2         | 16        | 44    |
| Mountain Chickadee            |                 | 7        |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |                 | 1        | 6         | 4         |           | 19    |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch         |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 1        |           |           | 1         | 2     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch       |                 | 2        |           |           |           | 2         | 1         |           | 1               |          |           | 3         | 3         | 12    |
| Pygmy Nuthatch                |                 | 4        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           | 10        |           | 14    |
| Brown Creeper                 |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1               | 2        | 1         |           |           | 4     |

## August 2005 Field Trip Table, continued

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION             | DFO FIELD TRIPS |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | TUESDAY BIRDERS |          |           |           |           | TOTAL      |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                                         | 6<br>ROC        | 7<br>GOL | 13<br>BEL | 14<br>PAR | 20<br>LON | 21<br>ROX | 27<br>BAR | 28<br>CHE | 2<br>GOL        | 9<br>HAL | 16<br>EVE | 23<br>LOS | 30<br>LAI |            |
| Canyon Wren                             |                 |          |           |           |           | 4         |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 4          |
| House Wren                              |                 | 5        |           |           |           | 7         | 2         |           | 5               | 3        | 2         |           |           | 24         |
| Marsh Wren                              |                 |          |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1          |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet                    |                 | 1        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1          |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher                   |                 |          |           | 2         |           | 4         |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 6          |
| Mountain Bluebird                       |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2               | 3        |           | 5         |           | 10         |
| Townsend's Solitaire                    |                 | 1        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1          |
| American Robin                          |                 | 8        | 8         | 8         | 3         | 6         | 4         |           |                 |          |           | 1         |           | 38         |
| Gray Catbird                            |                 |          |           | 1         |           | 2         |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 1         | 4          |
| European Starling                       |                 |          | 120       |           | 2         |           | 5         | 15        |                 |          |           |           |           | 142        |
| Cedar Waxwing                           |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 11        | 11         |
| Yellow Warbler                          |                 |          |           | 8         | 2         |           |           | 6         |                 | 1        |           |           |           | 17         |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler                   |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |                 | 1        |           | 9         | 1         | 12         |
| Townsend's Warbler                      |                 | 1        |           |           |           |           | 6         | 1         |                 |          |           |           |           | 8          |
| MacGillivray's Warbler                  |                 | 2        |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2               |          |           |           |           | 4          |
| Common Yellowthroat                     |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |                 |          |           |           |           | 1          |
| Wilson's Warbler                        |                 | 1        |           |           |           |           | 2         | 4         |                 |          |           | 1         |           | 8          |
| Warbler sp                              |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 2        |           |           |           | 2          |
| Yellow-breasted Chat                    |                 |          |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1          |
| Western Tanager                         |                 |          |           | 1         |           | 3         |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 2         | 6          |
| Green-tailed Towhee                     |                 | 2        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 1        | 1         |           |           | 4          |
| Spotted Towhee                          |                 |          |           |           |           | 9         |           |           |                 |          |           |           | 2         | 11         |
| Chipping Sparrow                        |                 | 4        |           |           |           |           |           | 2         |                 |          | 1         | 1         |           | 8          |
| Clay-colored Sparrow                    |                 |          |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1          |
| Vesper Sparrow                          |                 |          |           | 1         |           | 4         |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 5          |
| Lark Sparrow                            |                 |          |           | 3         | 7         |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 10         |
| Song Sparrow                            |                 | 2        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |          | 5         |           |           | 7          |
| Dark-eyed Junco<br>"Gray-headed" race   |                 | 8<br>(8) |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 | 2<br>2   |           | 7<br>(7)  |           | 17<br>(17) |
| Black-headed Grosbeak                   |                 |          |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 1          |
| Red-winged Blackbird                    |                 | 1        |           |           | 20        |           | 8         | 32        |                 |          | 42        |           |           | 103        |
| Western Meadowlark                      |                 |          |           |           | 6         | 1         | 1         |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 8          |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird                 |                 |          |           |           | 4         |           |           |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 4          |
| Brewer's Blackbird                      |                 |          | 5         |           |           |           |           | 3         |                 |          |           |           |           | 8          |
| Common Grackle                          |                 |          | 15        |           | 30        |           |           | 1         |                 |          |           |           |           | 46         |
| Brown-headed Cowbird                    |                 | 1        |           |           | 13        |           |           |           |                 |          |           | 4         |           | 18         |
| Bullock's Oriole                        |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |                 |          |           |           |           | 1          |
| House Finch                             |                 |          | 2         | 46        | 10        | 5         |           | 3         |                 |          |           |           |           | 66         |
| Pine Siskin                             |                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2               |          | 2         | 1         |           | 5          |
| Lesser Goldfinch<br>"Green-backed" race |                 |          | 1         | 2         |           | 2         |           |           |                 |          | 3         |           | 6         | 14<br>(2)  |
| American Goldfinch                      |                 |          | 1         | 26        | 4         | 4         | 1         | 16        |                 |          |           |           | 7         | 59         |
| House Sparrow                           |                 |          | 7         | 11        | 3         |           | 4         |           |                 |          |           |           |           | 25         |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS                       | 0               | 85       | 366       | 351       | 1017      | 169       | 667       | 551       | 35              | 88       | 195       | 126       | 80        | 3,730      |
| TOTAL SPECIES                           | 0               | 30       | 34        | 43        | 48        | 34        | 37        | 41        | 19              | 21       | 26        | 29        | 21        | 129        |

## Field Trip Spring Count Summaries 2005

May 6, Friday

*Lower Bear Creek and Marston Reservoir (LBC)*

Leader(s): Tamie Bulow. Observers: Marilyn Binkley, Chris Blakeslee, Patty Echelmeyer, Steve McKinney, Sue Schulman. Time: 0645-1630. Distance: 41 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Urban greenbelt, riparian/urban lakes. Weather: Partly cloudy, 51-70°F, north-northwest wind, 0-10 mph. Totals: 63 species, 1345 individuals.

May 6, Friday

*Cherokee Ranch (CHR)*

Leader(s): Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Peter Mulholland, Bob Righter, Don and Rae Wiseman. Time: 0700-1330. Distance: 4 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Scrub oak and ponderosa pine, open grassland, and agriculture facilities. Weather: Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy, 50-70°F, light west to northwest wind, 0-10 mph. Totals: 51 species, 181 individuals.

May 7, Saturday

*Barr Lake State Park (BLSP)*

Leader(s): Dick Schottler. Observers: Warren Finch, Dick Pratt, Bob Righter, Trish Schumacher. Time: 0630-1530. Distance: 4 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. Weather: Cloudy, rain showers, becoming mostly clear, 40-60°F, variable wind, 0-20 mph. Totals: 69 species, 1043 individuals.

May 7, Saturday

*Chatfield State Park (CSP)*

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. Observers: Burke Angstman, Paul Differding, Christy Honnen, Charlie Lawrence, Randy Lentz, Bob Share. Time: 0600-1720. Distance: 34 miles by car, 5.5 miles on foot. Weather: Mostly clear to mostly cloudy by afternoon, 50-72°F, west wind, 3-5 mph (wind varied with afternoon thunderstorm cells but stayed 10-17 mph) Totals: 90 species, 960 individuals.

May 7, Saturday

*Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR)*

Leader(s): Bob Brown. Observers: Lea Ann Brown, Steve Decker. Time: 0700-1300. Distance: 16 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Reservoir, wetlands, riparian, meadows, grasslands. Weather: Partly cloudy early, threatening late, 65°F, south-southwest wind, 0-12 mph. Totals: 57 species, 482 individuals.

May 7, Saturday

*Waterton (WAT)*

Leader(s): Hugh Kingery. Observers: EB Ellis, Urling Kingery, Al Medina, Mike Serruto, Cliff Wink, Sharon Wink. Time: 0600-1430. Distance: 10 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, grassland, suburban, elevation 5500'. Weather: Clear, 46-70°F, no wind. Totals: 72 species, 850 individuals.

May 8, Sunday

*Barr Lake Periphery (BLP)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. Observers: None. Time: 0730-1330. Distance: 49 miles by car. Habitat: Plains, croplands, cities, riparian, elevation 5300'. Weather: morning cloudy, afternoon clearing, 45-68°F, northwest wind, 5-10 mph. Totals: 54 species, 1752 individuals.

May 8, Sunday

*Castlewood Canyon State Park (CCSP)*

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. Observers: Traci Shimel. Time: 0500-1500. Distance: 20 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Foothills woodland, riparian, grassland, elevation 6400'. Weather: Partly cloudy, 40-65°F, north wind 0-10 mph. Totals: 56 species, 441 individuals.

May 8, Sunday

*Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)*

Leader(s): Urling Kingery. Observers: Alison Donnelly, Ivan Getting, Dianna Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Hugh Kingery, Karen von Saltza, Lynn Willcockson. Time: 0600-1630. Distance: 25 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, grassland, lake, marsh, elevation 5300'. Weather: Cloudy, 45-60°F, wind 0-30 mph. Totals: 95

*The Spring Count information has been on the DFO web site for some time, but in response to requests here it is in "black and white". Space can be a precious commodity in a newsletter, and sometimes, some stuff has to wait.*

## Spring Count Summary Table, 2005

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | 6<br>LBC | 6<br>CHR | 7<br>BLSP | 7<br>CSP | 7<br>CCR | 7<br>WAT | 8<br>BLP | 8<br>CCSP | 8<br>RMA | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|
| Pied-billed Grebe           | 2        |          | 1         | 1        |          |          |          |           | 1        | 5     |
| Western Grebe               | 16       |          | 8         | 17       | 18       |          | 4        |           | 36       | 99    |
| Clark's Grebe               |          |          |           |          | 3        |          |          |           |          | 3     |
| American White Pelican      | 24       |          | 2         | 39       | 18       | 8        | 43       |           | 5        | 139   |
| Double-crested Cormorant    | 62       |          | 15        | 7        | 83       | 23       | 13       |           | 10       | 213   |
| Great Blue Heron            | 45       | 1        | 5         | 12       | 4        | 7        | 6        | 3         | 3        | 86    |
| Snowy Egret                 | 1        |          |           |          |          |          |          |           | 14       | 15    |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron   | 2        |          |           | 1        | 3        |          |          |           | 2        | 8     |
| White-faced Ibis            | 18       |          | 1         | 45       | 28       | 3        |          |           | 7        | 102   |
| Turkey Vulture              |          | 3        |           | 6        |          | 1        |          | 25        | 1        | 36    |
| Canada Goose                | 44       | 2        | 65        | 38       | 24       | 19       | 11       | 6         | 42       | 251   |
| Wood Duck                   | 8        |          | 3         | 2        |          | 2        |          |           | 11       | 26    |
| Gadwall                     | 72       |          | 24        |          | 2        | 7        | 16       |           | 156      | 277   |
| American Wigeon             | 2        |          | 2         |          |          |          | 6        |           | 4        | 14    |
| Mallard                     | 92       | 1        | 53        | 17       | 7        | 27       | 34       | 4         | 64       | 299   |
| Blue-winged Teal            | 2        |          | 12        | 4        | 12       | 12       | 8        | 1         | 32       | 83    |
| Cinnamon Teal               |          |          | 8         |          |          | 8        | 13       |           | 16       | 45    |
| Northern Shoveler           | 4        |          | 40        | 1        | 2        | 6        | 23       |           | 13       | 89    |
| Northern Pintail            |          |          |           |          |          |          | 10       |           |          | 10    |
| Green-winged Teal           |          |          |           | 2        | 7        | 6        | 2        |           | 7        | 24    |
| Redhead                     |          |          | 2         |          |          |          |          |           | 20       | 22    |
| Ring-necked Duck            | 3        |          |           | 6        |          |          |          |           | 6        | 15    |
| Lesser Scaup                | 12       |          | 6         | 2        |          |          |          |           | 52       | 72    |
| Bufflehead                  | 4        |          | 2         | 3        |          |          |          |           | 18       | 27    |
| Common Merganser            |          |          |           | 6        |          | 3        |          |           | 6        | 15    |
| Ruddy Duck                  | 4        |          | 8         |          |          |          |          |           | 7        | 19    |
| Osprey                      | 1        |          |           | 1        |          |          |          |           |          | 2     |
| Bald Eagle                  |          |          | 2         | 1        |          |          | 1        |           | 3        | 7     |
| Northern Harrier            |          |          | 1         |          |          |          | 2        |           |          | 3     |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk          |          |          |           | 3        |          | 2        |          |           | 2        | 7     |
| Cooper's Hawk               |          | 2        |           | 1        | 1        | 1        |          | 1         | 2        | 8     |
| accipiter sp.               |          |          |           |          |          |          |          | 1         |          | 1     |
| Swainson's Hawk             | 3        |          | 5         |          | 6        |          | 20       |           | 13       | 47    |
| Red-tailed Hawk             | 6        | 1        | 3         | 6        | 2        | 8        | 7        | 4         | 9        | 46    |
| western races               | 6        |          | 3         |          |          |          |          |           |          | (9)   |
| Ferruginous Hawk            |          |          | 1         |          |          |          |          |           |          | 1     |
| Rough-legged Hawk           |          |          |           |          |          |          |          |           |          | 0     |
| buteo sp.                   |          |          |           |          |          | 2        |          |           | 2        | 4     |
| Golden Eagle                |          | 1        |           |          |          | 1        |          |           |          | 2     |
| American Kestrel            | 3        | 1        | 5         | 1        | 1        | 5        | 5        | 3         | 6        | 30    |
| Prairie Falcon              |          |          |           |          |          |          | 1        | 1         |          | 2     |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        |          |          | 3         |          | 3        |          | 3        |           | 7        | 16    |
| Virginia Rail               |          |          |           | 4        |          | 10       | 1        |           | 2        | 17    |
| Sora                        |          |          |           | 3        | 1        | 2        |          |           | 3        | 9     |
| American Coot               | 26       |          | 35        | 1        | 5        | 4        | 4        |           | 20       | 95    |
| Killdeer                    | 10       |          | 6         | 9        | 4        | 10       | 21       | 1         | 8        | 69    |
| American Avocet             |          |          |           | 1        | 7        | 6        | 14       |           |          | 28    |
| Lesser Yellowlegs           |          |          |           |          |          |          | 1        |           | 1        | 2     |
| Willet                      | 17       |          |           | 1        |          |          |          |           |          | 18    |
| Spotted Sandpiper           | 9        |          | 5         | 7        | 3        | 6        |          |           | 4        | 34    |
| Long-billed Dowitcher       |          |          |           |          | 5        | 1        | 42       |           | 7        | 55    |
| Wilson's Snipe              |          |          | 3         |          |          | 1        |          |           | 1        | 5     |
| Wilson's Phalarope          |          |          |           |          |          |          | 100      |           | 2        | 102   |
| Franklin's Gull             |          |          | 10        |          |          |          |          |           | 1        | 11    |
| Bonaparte's Gull            |          |          | 1         |          |          |          |          |           |          | 1     |
| Ring-billed Gull            | 8        |          | 6         | 11       | 27       | 1        |          |           |          | 53    |
| Forster's Tern              |          |          |           |          | 1        |          |          |           |          | 1     |
| Rock Pigeon                 | 15       | 5        | 7         | 17       | 6        | 12       | 42       | 2         | 6        | 112   |
| Mourning Dove               | 44       | 2        | 64        | 23       | 12       | 16       | 150      | 17        | 62       | 390   |

## Spring Count Summary Table, 2005 continued

| SPECIES                       | 6    | 6   | 7   | 7   | 7   | 7   | 8   | 8    | 8   |  |  |  |  | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|--|--|--|--|-------|
| DATE                          | LBC  | CHR | BLS | CSP | CCR | WAT | SLP | CCSP | RMA |  |  |  |  |       |
| LOCATION                      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |  |  |  |  |       |
| Barn Owl                      |      |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |      |     |  |  |  |  | 1     |
| Great Horned Owl              |      |     | 4   | 7   |     | 6   | 2   |      | 2   |  |  |  |  | 21    |
| Burrowing Owl                 |      |     |     |     |     |     | 4   |      | 3   |  |  |  |  | 7     |
| Long-eared Owl                |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | 3   |  |  |  |  | 3     |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl         |      |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1    |     |  |  |  |  | 1     |
| Common Poorwill               |      |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1    |     |  |  |  |  | 1     |
| White-throated Swift          |      |     |     |     |     |     |     | 10   |     |  |  |  |  | 10    |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird      |      | 2   |     | 9   |     | 5   |     | 2    |     |  |  |  |  | 18    |
| Belted Kingfisher             |      |     | 1   | 5   |     | 5   |     | 1    | 2   |  |  |  |  | 14    |
| Downy Woodpecker              | 5    | 2   | 7   | 8   | 5   | 10  |     | 3    | 1   |  |  |  |  | 41    |
| Hairy Woodpecker              |      | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |  |  |  |  | 1     |
| Northern Flicker              | 43   | 3   | 5   | 8   | 6   | 20  |     | 7    | 9   |  |  |  |  | 101   |
| "Red-shafted" race            | (43) |     | (5) |     |     |     |     | (7)  | (9) |  |  |  |  | (64)  |
| Willow Flycatcher             |      |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |      |     |  |  |  |  | 1     |
| Least Flycatcher              |      |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |      |     |  |  |  |  | 1     |
| Gray Flycatcher               |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | 1   |  |  |  |  | 1     |
| Empidonax sp.                 |      |     | 1   | 1   |     |     |     |      | 3   |  |  |  |  | 5     |
| Eastern Phoebe                |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | 2   |  |  |  |  | 2     |
| Say's Phoebe                  | 3    | 1   |     | 1   |     | 1   |     | 6    | 1   |  |  |  |  | 13    |
| Western Kingbird              | 2    |     | 32  | 3   |     | 4   | 19  |      | 38  |  |  |  |  | 98    |
| Eastern Kingbird              |      |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |      | 3   |  |  |  |  | 4     |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher     | 1    |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |  |  |  |  | 1     |
| Loggerhead Shrike             |      |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |      |     |  |  |  |  | 1     |
| Plumbeous Vireo               |      |     |     | 1   | 1   |     |     | 4    |     |  |  |  |  | 6     |
| Warbling Vireo                |      |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |      | 1   |  |  |  |  | 2     |
| Stellar's Jay                 |      | 2   |     | 1   |     | 1   |     | 4    |     |  |  |  |  | 8     |
| Blue Jay                      | 4    | 3   | 4   |     |     |     | 1   | 2    | 6   |  |  |  |  | 20    |
| Western Scrub-Jay             |      | 2   |     |     |     |     |     | 2    |     |  |  |  |  | 4     |
| Black-billed Magpie           | 32   | 3   | 3   | 12  | 8   | 2   | 8   | 4    | 22  |  |  |  |  | 94    |
| American Crow                 | 9    | 5   |     | 2   | 1   | 5   | 6   | 4    | 2   |  |  |  |  | 34    |
| Common Raven                  |      |     |     | 2   |     | 3   |     | 1    |     |  |  |  |  | 6     |
| Horned Lark                   |      |     |     | 13  |     |     | 26  |      | 9   |  |  |  |  | 48    |
| Tree Swallow                  | 8    | 6   | 2   | 15  | 1   | 58  |     | 12   | 59  |  |  |  |  | 161   |
| Violet-green Swallow          |      | 3   |     | 50  |     | 3   |     | 42   |     |  |  |  |  | 98    |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow | 3    |     | 4   | 8   | 2   | 4   |     | 5    | 5   |  |  |  |  | 31    |
| Cliff Swallow                 | 1    |     |     | 4   |     |     | 85  |      | 32  |  |  |  |  | 122   |
| Barn Swallow                  | 6    | 1   | 9   | 4   |     | 12  | 36  |      | 21  |  |  |  |  | 89    |
| Black-capped Chickadee        | 11   | 2   | 2   | 9   | 5   | 16  |     | 7    | 2   |  |  |  |  | 54    |
| Mountain Chickadee            |      | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |  |  |  |  | 3     |
| Bushtit                       |      | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |  |  |  |  | 3     |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch         |      |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1    |     |  |  |  |  | 1     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch       |      | 2   |     | 3   |     | 1   |     | 6    |     |  |  |  |  | 12    |
| Pygmy Nuthatch                |      | 6   |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |  |  |  |  | 6     |
| Rock Wren                     |      | 1   |     | 3   |     |     |     | 1    |     |  |  |  |  | 5     |
| Canyon Wren                   |      |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4    |     |  |  |  |  | 4     |
| House Wren                    | 16   | 5   | 12  | 76  | 2   | 96  | 2   | 15   | 52  |  |  |  |  | 276   |
| Marsh Wren                    |      |     |     |     | 5   |     |     |      |     |  |  |  |  | 5     |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet          | 1    |     |     | 2   |     | 3   |     |      | 1   |  |  |  |  | 7     |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher         |      | 7   |     | 13  | 2   | 3   |     | 4    | 3   |  |  |  |  | 32    |
| Western Bluebird              |      | 16  |     |     |     |     |     | 12   |     |  |  |  |  | 28    |
| Mountain Bluebird             |      | 4   |     |     |     |     |     | 28   |     |  |  |  |  | 32    |
| Townsend's Solitaire          |      | 2   |     | 3   |     | 1   |     | 1    |     |  |  |  |  | 7     |
| Hermit Thrush                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | 1   |  |  |  |  | 1     |
| thrush sp.                    |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | 1   |  |  |  |  | 1     |

## Spring Count Summary Table, 2005

| SPECIES                     |      |     |      |     |     |     |      |      |      |   |   |   |   |  | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|---|---|---|---|--|-------|
| DATE                        | 6    | 6   | 7    | 7   | 7   | 7   | 8    | 8    | 8    |   |   |   |   |  |       |
| LOCATION                    | LBC  | CHR | BLSP | GSP | CCR | WAT | BLP  | CCSP | RMA  |   |   |   |   |  |       |
| American Robin              | 101  | 4   | 17   | 19  | 15  | 15  | 85   | 52   | 44   |   |   |   |   |  | 352   |
| Gray Catbird                |      |     |      | 1   |     |     |      |      |      |   |   |   |   |  | 1     |
| European Starling           | 62   | 6   | 60   | 34  | 10  | 67  | 125  | 20   | 82   |   |   |   |   |  | 466   |
| Orange-crowned Warbler      |      |     | 4    | 4   |     | 8   |      |      | 5    |   |   |   |   |  | 21    |
| Virginia's Warbler          |      |     |      | 3   |     | 1   |      |      | 1    |   |   |   |   |  | 5     |
| Yellow Warbler              | 4    |     | 6    | 23  | 3   | 41  |      |      | 8    |   |   |   |   |  | 85    |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler       | 64   | 2   | 38   | 70  | 13  | 49  |      | 1    | 34   |   |   |   |   |  | 271   |
| "Myrtle" race               | 6    |     | (15) | 10  |     | 10  |      |      | 11   |   |   |   |   |  | (52)  |
| "Audubon's" race            | 58   |     | (23) | 60  |     | 35  |      |      | 23   |   |   |   |   |  | (199) |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler |      |     |      | 2   |     | 1   |      |      |      |   |   |   |   |  | 3     |
| Blackpoll Warbler           |      |     |      |     |     |     |      |      | 1    |   |   |   |   |  | 1     |
| Common Yellowthroat         |      |     | 2    |     | 1   |     | 1    |      | 1    |   |   |   |   |  | 5     |
| Wilson's Warbler            |      |     |      | 2   |     |     |      |      |      |   |   |   |   |  | 2     |
| Yellow-breasted Chat        |      |     |      | 1   |     |     |      |      |      |   |   |   |   |  | 1     |
| Green-tailed Towhee         |      |     | 4    | 1   |     |     |      | 1    | 3    |   |   |   |   |  | 9     |
| Spotted Towhee              | 1    | 8   |      | 8   |     | 6   |      | 18   | 1    |   |   |   |   |  | 42    |
| Cassin's Sparrow            |      |     |      |     |     |     |      |      | 1    |   |   |   |   |  | 1     |
| Chipping Sparrow            | 10   | 11  | 40   | 2   | 4   |     | 3    | 4    | 60   |   |   |   |   |  | 134   |
| Brewer's Sparrow            |      |     |      | 6   | 3   |     |      |      |      |   |   |   |   |  | 9     |
| Vesper Sparrow              | 1    | 6   |      | 11  |     | 2   |      | 12   |      |   |   |   |   |  | 32    |
| Lark Sparrow                |      | 3   | 2    | 8   |     |     | 2    | 1    | 8    |   |   |   |   |  | 24    |
| Song Sparrow                | 14   |     | 13   | 8   | 8   | 28  | 5    | 2    | 17   |   |   |   |   |  | 95    |
| Lincoln's Sparrow           |      |     |      |     |     |     |      |      | 2    |   |   |   |   |  | 2     |
| White-crowned Sparrow       |      |     | 12   | 2   | 1   |     |      |      | 3    |   |   |   |   |  | 18    |
| Dark-eyed Junco             |      | 3   |      |     |     |     |      | 4    |      |   |   |   |   |  | 7     |
| "Gray-headed" race          |      | 3   |      |     |     |     |      | 4    |      |   |   |   |   |  | (7)   |
| Black-headed Grosbeak       |      | 1   |      |     |     |     |      | 10   | 1    |   |   |   |   |  | 12    |
| Lazuli Bunting              |      |     |      |     |     |     |      | 1    |      |   |   |   |   |  | 1     |
| Red-winged Blackbird        | 150  | 3   | 175  | 11  | 27  | 46  | 310  | 9    | 139  |   |   |   |   |  | 870   |
| Western Meadowlark          | 8    | 2   | 19   | 25  | 5   | 16  | 82   |      | 37   |   |   |   |   |  | 194   |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird     | 2    | 6   | 6    |     |     |     | 24   |      | 6    |   |   |   |   |  | 44    |
| Brewer's Blackbird          | 28   |     |      | 5   | 7   | 12  |      |      | 20   |   |   |   |   |  | 72    |
| Common Grackle              | 97   | 2   | 85   | 24  | 13  | 5   | 155  |      | 38   |   |   |   |   |  | 419   |
| Great-tailed Grackle        |      |     |      |     |     |     | 2    |      |      |   |   |   |   |  | 2     |
| Brown-headed Cowbird        | 7    | 4   | 11   | 90  | 9   | 32  | 47   | 35   | 18   |   |   |   |   |  | 253   |
| Bullock's Oriole            | 15   |     | 16   | 5   | 5   | 13  | 4    |      | 52   |   |   |   |   |  | 110   |
| House Finch                 | 26   | 8   | 2    |     | 7   | 13  | 30   | 8    | 7    |   |   |   |   |  | 101   |
| Pine Siskin                 |      | 5   |      | 2   |     |     |      |      |      |   |   |   |   |  | 7     |
| Lesser Goldfinch            |      |     |      | 3   |     |     |      |      |      |   |   |   |   |  | 3     |
| American Goldfinch          | 14   |     | 9    | 21  | 9   | 9   |      | 4    | 1    |   |   |   |   |  | 67    |
| Evening Grosbeak            |      |     |      |     |     | 4   |      |      |      |   |   |   |   |  | 4     |
| House Sparrow               | 37   | 3   | 20   | 4   | 9   | 2   | 85   |      | 19   |   |   |   |   |  | 179   |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS           | 1345 | 181 | 1043 | 960 | 482 | 850 | 1752 | 441  | 1588 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 8,642 |
| TOTAL SPECIES               | 63   | 51  | 69   | 90  | 57  | 72  | 54   | 56   | 95   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 145   |

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**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings:** Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*, the DFO monthly newsletter, is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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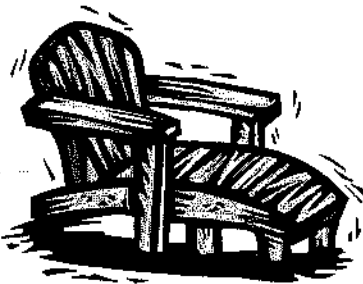
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## "The Big Sit!"



**When:** Sunday, October 9, 2005 (stop by anytime from dawn through dusk, come for an hour or stay all day!)

**Where:** Chatfield State Park's Heronry Overlook platform ( follow the "Big Sit" signs)

What is it? A Big Sit is similar to the birding event called a "Big Day", in both events participants try to count as many species as possible, the difference is that in a Big Day you travel all over a geographical area whereas during a Big Sit you sit (or stand) in one location and count as many species as possible.

Bring your own chair (or use the bench seating provided by State Parks) and your favorite beverage and snacks and help us find birds. We'll keep a Big Sit "day total" and do "hourly counts" so that every hour the birds are "new" and we start over and count the birds we see. This means that whenever you can come there will be "new" birds to add for the hour and maybe even the day!

This is a nationwide event (see "The Big Sit!" website at: <http://www.birdwatchersdigest.com/site/funbirds/bigsit/bigsit.aspx>). This will be the third year DFO has sponsored the "DFO Insaniacs" and we've had the highest "Big Sit" count for Colorado two years running! Several other Colorado "Big Sits" have already registered this year, so come help DFO's Big Sit at Chatfield stay on top!

*For additional information or questions, please call Joey Kellner at (303) 978-1748.*



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## November Field Trips

**Saturday, November 5**

*Cherry Creek State Park*

**Leaders:** Bob and Lea Ann Brown, 303-791-6204. Meet leaders at 0800 at the Marina inside the west entrance to the park. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. past Cherry Creek High school to west entrance. This will be a half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks pass required.

**Sunday, November 6**

*Scoter Trip*

**Leader:** Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748

This is an all day trip driving to various mountain lakes to look for scoters, loons and other migrants, so bring lunch. Trip will probably include stops at Dillon Reservoir, Turquoise Lake, Spinney Mountain Reservoir, Twin Lakes and Eleven-Mile Reservoir. Call leader to register and arrange a meeting place.

**Saturday, November 12**

*Pawnee National Grasslands*

**Leaders:** Ira Saunders and Tammy Ellsworth, 303-278-7172

Meet leaders at 0700 at the Colorado Division of Wildlife, 6060 No. Broadway – Exit I-25 at 58<sup>th</sup> Ave. Go west 2 blocks to Broadway, then north 2 blocks to parking lot on right. Bring lunch and extra drinking water and come prepared for extremes of weather. Will look for raptors, snow buntings and longspurs.

**Sunday, November 13**

*Castlewood Canyon State Park and Kingery's bird feeders*

**Leaders:** Hugh and Urling Kingery, 303-814-2723

Meet leaders at 0800 at Colo. 86 & Castlewood Canyon Road (Douglas Co. road 51); just west of Cherry Creek; DO NOT go to Park headquarters, 5 miles south of Franktown on Colo. 83. The intersection is: (a) 1/2 mile west of traffic light in Franktown; and (b) 10 miles east of I-25, Exit 184

For (a): Take Parker Road/Colo. 83 to Franktown (about 10 miles south of Parker); right at traffic light. Left on Castlewood Canyon Road (just after you cross Cherry Creek).

For (b): Turn left at Exit 184 on Founders Parkway, about 4 miles to intersection with Colo. 86. Left on Colo. 86, 4.5 miles to Castlewood Canyon Road; right on Castlewood Canyon Road.

The Park portion will involve a two mile walk or so, depending on the birds and the group. Bring lunch and your state parks pass. This trip is especially good for the novice birder and new members.

**Saturday, November 19**

*Audubon Center at Chatfield*

**Leader:** Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072

Meet leader at the Discovery Pavilion at 0800. Take S. Wadsworth Blvd. past Chatfield State Park to Waterton Rd. and turn left. Take Waterton Rd. 1/2 block to the entrance which is well marked with a large sign. Will meet at the stone house. Come and explore the river looking for dippers and the wetlands looking for ducks. Will hike about 2 1/2 miles on level trails and a gravel road. Bring your lunch to enjoy before the trip ends shortly after lunch.

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## November 2005 Field Trips, continued

**Sunday, November 20**

*Barr Lake State Park*

**Leaders:** Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069

Meet leaders at the Nature Center at 0800. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required. This will be an easy hike. From Denver, take East I-76 to Bromley Lane, Exit 22. Go east on Bromley Lane to Piccadilly Road, and then turn south for approximately 2 miles to park entrance. This trip is especially good for the novice birder and new members.

**Friday, November 25**

*Platte River Greenway*

**Leader:** Jackie King, 303-287-1644

Meet leader at 8:30 at E. 88th and the South Platte River – From I-76 take E. 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. exit, go west on 88<sup>th</sup> for 1.6 miles then turn south at Colorado Blvd. Turn left again into the parking lot for the South Platte River Greenway Trailhead. Will explore along the river on the bike path which is paved and level. Bring lunch and drinking water.

**Saturday, November 26**

*Belmar Historic Park*

**Leader:** Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661

Meet leader at 0900 at 800 South Wadsworth Blvd. at W. Ohio Ave. Turn west on Ohio Ave, and go 2 blocks straight ahead into Irongate parking lot and to lake. This will be a half day trip ending at 1200.

**Sunday, November 27**

*Chatfield State Park*

**Leader:** Bob Righter, 303-692-8529

Meet leader at 0800 at the Entrance station inside west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth, 1 ½ miles south of C-470. State Parks Pass required. This will be a half-day trip, lunch optional.

**Scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook.**

### Welcome New Members:

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**Contributions to the Rare Bird Alert/Educational Endowment Fund:** None this month.

## September 2005 Field Trip Summaries

### September 3, Saturday *Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs (PRE)*

**Leader(s):** Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Allison Hilf, Gordon Hodgson, Christy Honnen, Joe Roller, Mike Serruto, Bob Shade, Bob Spencer, Connie Takamine, Joyce Takamine. **Time:** 0640-1730. **Distance:** 257 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear all day, 52-94°F, southeast wind, 0-6 mph. **Totals:** 83 species, 1648 individuals.

### September 4, Sunday *South Table Mountain (SOU)*

**Leader(s):** Mike Foster. **Observers:** Brian Arnold, Kirsten Arnold, Jan Barnes, Bill Eden, Leslie Gerard, Zinca Ibrisagic, Alison Kondler, Joan Lutz, Mary Lutz, Bill Markley, Alistair Montgomery, Barbara Montgomery, Patrick Nelson, Patti O'Neill, Laverne Peach, Glen Rodriguez, Debbie Seiden, Roxanne Smith, Steve Smith, Patti Vick. **Time:** 0745-1100. **Distance:** 4 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Semi-desert shrub, mountain shrub, grassland, riparian, urban. **Weather:** Clear, warm. **Totals:** 35 species, 193 individuals.

### September 17, Saturday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

**Leader(s):** Glenn Walbek. **Observers:** Alan Hagood, Cole Wild, Eric Zorawowicz, Bob Shade, Warren Finch, Kristy ?, Brian Arnold, Kristen Arnold, Deb Sparr, Paul Differding, Loch Kilpatrick. **Time:** 0700-1030. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Low elevation riparian, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Sunny, 55°F, wind variable, 4 mph. **Totals:** 42 species, 314 individuals.

### September 18, Sunday *Boulder County Hot Spots (BOU)* - Report not available at time of printing.

### September 24, Saturday *Rigli Ranch (RIG)*

**Leader(s):** Joe Rigli. **Observers:** Meredith Anderson, Marilyn Fowler, Christy Honnen, Nina Rough, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0900-1430. **Distance:** 6 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Prairies, grasslands, riparian, fields, elevation 3360'. **Weather:** Overcast to cloudy, 65-75°F, northwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 32 species, 187 individuals.

### September 25, Sunday *Waterton Canyon (WAT)*

**Leader(s):** Paul Slingsby. **Observers:** Jim Duggan, Sally Plummer, Tony Rautus, Mary Ellen Sargent, Alison Kondler, Parker Gay. **Time:** 0730-1500. **Distance:** 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, then sunny, 52-75°F, calm. **Totals:** 48 species, 372 individuals.

## Tuesday Birders

### September 6 *Reynolds Park Jeffco Open Space (REY)*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 20 (two groups). **Time:** 0845-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, ponderosa pine and douglas fir, elevation 6000-7400'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy to cloudy and intermittent showers, 53-58°F, southeast wind, 0-7 mph. **Totals:** 22 species, 104 individuals.

### September 13 *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 20. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, reservoir, cottonwood, willow, agricultural, elevation 5100'. **Weather:** Cloudy, 53-62°F, southwest wind, 4-13 mph. **Totals:** 19/8B species, 185/20B individuals (B denotes banded birds)

### September 20 *Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield (DEN)*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell and Arlene Larson. **Observers:** 29 (two groups). **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponds, cottonwood, willow, cattails, juniper, open fields, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 60-82°F, calm. **Totals:** 33 species, 277 individuals.

### September 27 *Belmar Lakewood City Park (BEL)*

**Leader(s):** Alice Kruse. **Observers:** 13. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir and ponds, deciduous and evergreen trees, city park, open fields, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 60-80°F, southwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 22 species, 183 individuals.

### September 27 *Kenosha Pass and Kenosha Pass Campground (KEN)*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 21 (two groups). **Time:** 0930-1200. **Distance:** 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponds, ponderosa pine, spruce, douglas fir, aspen woodlands, grassy meadows, elevation 10000-10400'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to sunny, 60-63°F, southeast wind, 0-25 mph. **Totals:** 15 species, 61 individuals.

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# September 2005 Field Trip Summary Table, continued

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION |          |          |           |           |           |           | TUESDAY BIRDERS |           |             |           |           |           | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|                             | 3<br>PRE | 4<br>SOU | 17<br>BAR | 18<br>BOU | 24<br>RIG | 25<br>WAT | 6<br>REY        | 13<br>BAR | 13<br>BAR-B | 20<br>DEN | 27<br>BEL | 27<br>KEN |       |
| Western Sandpiper           | 22       |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 22    |
| Least Sandpiper             | 103      |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 103   |
| Baird's Sandpiper           | 490      |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 6         |             |           |           |           | 496   |
| Pectoral Sandpiper          | 8        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 8     |
| Stilt Sandpiper             | 21       |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 21    |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper     | 2        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 2     |
| Short-billed Dowitcher      | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Long-billed Dowitcher       |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 0     |
| Wilson's Phalarope          | 6        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 6     |
| Red Phalarope               | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Franklin's Gull             | 200      |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 200   |
| Ring-billed Gull            | 52       | 1        | 4         |           |           |           |                 | 8         |             |           | 4         |           | 69    |
| California Gull             | 3        |          | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 4     |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull    | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Forster's Tern              | 3        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 3     |
| Black Tern                  | 13       |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 13    |
| Rock Pigeon                 | 2        | 1        |           |           | 1         | 32        |                 |           |             | 1         | 14        |           | 51    |
| Mourning Dove               | 31       | 4        | 3         |           |           | 23        |                 |           |             | 2         | 4         |           | 67    |
| Barn Owl                    |          |          |           |           | 2         |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 2     |
| Great Horned Owl            |          | 1        | 1         |           | 2         |           |                 |           |             | 1         |           |           | 5     |
| Common Nighthawk            | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Common Poorwill             |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           | 1           |           |           |           | 1     |
| White-throated Swift        |          | 3        |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 3     |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird    |          |          |           |           |           |           | 1               |           |             | 1         |           |           | 2     |
| Belted Kingfisher           | 3        |          |           |           |           | 5         |                 |           |             | 1         | 2         |           | 11    |
| Red-headed Woodpecker       | 2        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 2     |
| Williamson's Sapsucker      |          |          |           |           |           |           | 1               |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Red-naped Sapsucker         |          |          |           |           |           |           | 2               |           |             |           |           |           | 2     |
| Downy Woodpecker            | 4        |          | 2         |           | 1         | 2         | 3               |           |             |           |           |           | 12    |
| "eastern" race              |          |          |           |           | 1         |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | (1)   |
| Hairy Woodpecker            | 1        |          |           |           | 2         |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 3     |
| "eastern" race              |          |          |           |           | 2         |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | (2)   |
| Woodpecker sp.              |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 1         |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Northern Flicker            | 8        | 9        | 5         |           | 2         | 28        | 16              | 3         |             | 9         | 4         | 1         | 85    |
| "Red-shafted" race          |          | (9)      |           |           | (2)       |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | (11)  |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher      | 3        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 3     |
| Western Wood-Pewee          | 5        | 2        |           |           | 1         | 1         |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 9     |
| Hammond's Flycatcher        | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Gray Flycatcher             |          |          | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Dusky Flycatcher            | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher      | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Empidonax sp.               |          |          | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Say's Phoebe                |          |          |           |           | 3         |           |                 |           |             | 2         |           |           | 5     |
| Cassin's Kingbird           |          |          |           |           | 5         |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 5     |
| Western Kingbird            | 21       | 2        |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 23    |
| Eastern Kingbird            | 4        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 4     |
| Loggerhead Shrike           |          |          |           |           | 1         |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Plumbeous Vireo             | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Warbling Vireo              |          |          |           |           |           |           | 1               |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |

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| Gray Jay                    |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           | 4         | 4     |
| Steller's Jay               |          |          |           |           |           |           | 13              |           |             |           |           | 7         | 20    |
| Blue Jay                    | 13       | 1        | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |             | 2         |           |           | 17    |
| Western Scrub-Jay           |          | 3        |           |           |           | 4         |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 7     |
| Black-billed Magpie         | 2        |          | 3         |           |           | 4         |                 |           |             | 6         |           |           | 15    |
| American Crow               |          |          |           |           |           | 9         | 1               |           |             | 27        | 7         | 1         | 45    |
| Common Raven                |          |          |           |           |           |           | 3               |           |             |           |           | 3         | 6     |
| Horned Lark                 |          |          | 7         |           | 8         |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 15    |
| Tree Swallow                |          | 25       |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 25    |
| Cliff Swallow               | 2        |          |           |           |           | 10        |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 12    |
| Barn Swallow                | 12       | 3        | 2         |           | 12        | 4         |                 |           |             | 4         |           |           | 37    |
| swallow sp.                 |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           | 2         |           | 2     |
| Black-capped Chickadee      |          | 2        |           |           |           | 14        | 5               |           |             | 5         | 2         | 4         | 32    |
| Mountain Chickadee          |          |          |           |           |           |           | 15              |           |             |           |           | 1         | 16    |
| Bushtit                     |          | 6        |           |           |           | 1         |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 7     |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch       |          |          | 3         |           | 2         | 2         | 1               |           | 1           |           |           |           | 9     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch     | 3        |          | 1         |           |           | 3         | 1               |           |             |           |           |           | 8     |
| Brown Creeper               |          |          |           |           |           | 3         | 2               |           |             |           |           |           | 5     |
| Rock Wren                   |          |          |           |           | 3         | 1         |                 | 4         |             |           |           |           | 8     |
| Canyon Wren                 |          |          |           |           |           | 2         |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 2     |
| House Wren                  | 8        | 3        | 3         |           |           | 5         |                 |           | 2           | 1         |           |           | 22    |
| American Dipper             |          |          |           |           |           | 1         |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet        |          |          | 5         |           | 2         | 1         | 1               | 1         | 2           |           |           | 1         | 13    |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher       | 1        | 5        |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 6     |
| Townsend's Solitaire        |          |          |           |           | 1         | 3         |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 4     |
| Swainson's Thrush           |          |          |           |           | 1         |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| thrush sp.                  |          |          |           |           |           |           |                 | 1         |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| American Robin              | 9        | 1        | 1         |           |           | 35        | 25              |           |             | 7         |           | 6         | 84    |
| Gray Catbird                | 2        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 2     |
| Sage Thrasher               |          | 6        |           |           | 2         |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 8     |
| Brown Thrasher              | 2        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 2     |
| European Starling           | 53       | 50       | 70        |           |           | 27        |                 | 10        |             | 100       | 1         |           | 311   |
| Cedar Waxwing               |          |          |           |           |           | 18        |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 18    |
| Tennessee Warbler           |          |          |           |           | 1         |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Orange-crowned Warbler      | 2        |          | 6         |           | 1         |           |                 |           | 2           |           |           |           | 11    |
| Yellow Warbler              | 7        |          |           |           |           | 1         | 1               |           |             |           |           |           | 9     |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler       |          |          | 2         |           |           |           |                 |           |             | 1         | 5         | 8         | 16    |
| "Audubon's" race            |          |          | (2)       |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           | 8         | (10)  |
| Townsend's Warbler          | 3        |          | 7         |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 10    |
| MacGillivray's Warbler      | 1        |          | 1         |           |           |           | 2               |           |             |           |           |           | 4     |
| Common Yellowthroat         | 5        |          | 2         |           |           |           |                 |           | 2           |           |           |           | 9     |
| Hooded Warbler              |          |          | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Wilson's Warbler            | 27       |          | 25        |           | 5         | 6         | 1               |           | 9           |           |           | 4         | 77    |
| Warbler sp.                 |          |          |           |           |           |           | 2               |           |             | 1         |           |           | 3     |
| Yellow-breasted Chat        | 1        | 3        | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 5     |
| Western Tanager             | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 1     |
| Green-tailed Towhee         |          | 1        | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 2     |
| Spotted Towhee              |          | 2        |           |           |           | 9         |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 11    |
| Chipping Sparrow            | 3        | 2        |           |           | 75        | 1         |                 |           |             |           |           |           | 81    |



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|                                          | 3<br>PRE    | 4<br>SOU   | 17<br>BAR  | 18<br>BOU | 24<br>RIG  | 25<br>WAT  | 6<br>REY        | 13<br>BAR  | 13<br>BAR-B | 20<br>DEN  | 27<br>BEL  | 27<br>KEN |              |
| Clay-colored Sparrow                     |             |            |            |           |            |            |                 | 1          |             |            |            |           | 1            |
| Vesper Sparrow                           |             | 4          |            |           | 20         | 1          |                 | 1          |             |            |            |           | 26           |
| Lark Sparrow                             |             | 1          | 1          |           | 1          |            |                 |            |             |            |            |           | 3            |
| Lark Bunting                             | 2           |            |            |           |            |            |                 |            |             |            |            |           | 2            |
| Savannah Sparrow                         |             |            |            |           |            |            |                 |            |             | 1          |            |           | 1            |
| Song Sparrow                             | 1           | 3          | 3          |           |            | 7          |                 |            |             | 1          |            |           | 15           |
| Lincoln's Sparrow                        |             |            | 1          |           |            |            |                 |            |             |            |            |           | 1            |
| White-crowned Sparrow<br>"Gambel's" race |             |            | 3          |           | 5<br>5     | 17         |                 |            |             | 1          |            |           | 26<br>(5)    |
| Dark-eyed Junco<br>"Gray-headed" race    |             |            |            |           |            |            | 6<br>6          |            |             |            |            | 16<br>16  | 22<br>(22)   |
| Black-headed Grosbeak                    | 1           |            |            |           |            |            |                 |            |             | 1          |            |           | 2            |
| Red-winged Blackbird                     | 2           |            |            |           |            | 1          |                 |            |             | 4          | 6          |           | 13           |
| Western Meadowlark                       | 3           | 3          | 5          |           | 20         | 3          |                 | 1          |             | 6          |            |           | 41           |
| Brown-headed Cowbird                     |             |            |            |           |            |            |                 |            |             |            |            | 1         | 1            |
| House Finch                              |             | 4          |            |           |            | 32         |                 |            |             | 50         | 7          | 1         | 94           |
| Lesser Goldfinch                         |             | 7          |            |           |            | 7          |                 |            |             | 4          |            |           | 18           |
| American Goldfinch                       | 2           |            | 3          |           | 1          |            |                 |            |             | 20         |            |           | 26           |
| House Sparrow                            | 15          | 2          |            |           |            |            |                 |            |             | 5          | 2          |           | 24           |
| <b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>                 | <b>1648</b> | <b>193</b> | <b>314</b> | <b>0</b>  | <b>187</b> | <b>372</b> | <b>104</b>      | <b>185</b> | <b>20</b>   | <b>277</b> | <b>183</b> | <b>61</b> | <b>3,544</b> |
| <b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>                     | <b>83</b>   | <b>35</b>  | <b>42</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>32</b>  | <b>48</b>  | <b>22</b>       | <b>19</b>  | <b>8</b>    | <b>33</b>  | <b>22</b>  | <b>15</b> | <b>145</b>   |

### AUDUBON DENOUNCES HOUSE PASSAGE OF 'EXTINCTION BILL'

#### *Endangered Species Bill Shreds Safety Net for Most Vulnerable Wildlife*

**New York, NY – September 30, 2005** – Yesterday, the US House of Representatives demonstrated its determination to roll back 30 years of conservation success when it voted to pass HR 3824. The legislation, more aptly called the "Extinction Bill," undermines the protection of habitat critical to endangered and threatened wildlife, while delivering a windfall in benefits for wealthy landowners and developers, at taxpayer expense. Since its passage in 1973, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) has successfully protected many endangered species, including the Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon and Whooping Crane. Only 9 out of the 1,800 species listed as threatened or endangered have gone extinct. The "Extinction Bill" puts many more species at risk of being lost forever, abandoned to commercial development and special interests. For 30 years the federal government successfully provided a safety net for them; this legislation introduced by Congressman Richard Pombo (CA), tears that up.

"Endangered species are America's weakest and most vulnerable wildlife," said John Flicker, President of the National Audubon Society. "When government fails to honor its responsibility to protect the weak and the vulnerable, in favor of the rich and powerful, the weak and the vulnerable eventually die."

For more information visit <http://www.audubon.org/>

## Fall Count Field Trip Summaries 2005

### September 8, Thursday *Cherry Creek Reservoir (CHE)*

**Leader(s):** J.B. Hayes. **Observers:** Joyce Takamine, Connie Takamine. **Time:** 0700-1415. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Large reservoir, riparian, prairie grasslands, cattail marsh. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, 62-83°F, calm, west wind, 5 mph. **Totals:** 62 species, 755 individuals.

### September 10, Saturday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

**Leader(s):** Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Dick Pratt. **Time:** 0630-1530. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Plains reservoir and associated riparian habitat. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to mostly clear, 65-90°F, south wind, 0-20 mph. **Totals:** 68 species, 1216 individuals.

### September 10, Saturday *Barr Lake Periphery (BLP)*

**Leader(s):** Jackie King. **Observers:** None. **Time:** 0700-1300. **Distance:** 64 miles by car. **Habitat:** Riparian, plains, suburban, elevation 5380'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to clear in the afternoon, 75-92°F, northwest wind, 0-15 mph. **Totals:** 50 species, 2141 individuals.

### September 10, Saturday *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

**Leader(s):** Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Lisa Edwards, Jill Holden, Randy Lentz, Steve Stachowiak. **Time:** 0600-1915. **Distance:** 29.8 miles by car, 7.5 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear, 65-90°F, southwest wind, 0-12 mph. **Totals:** 79 species, 841 individuals.

### September 10, Saturday *Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)*

**Leader(s):** Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** Gail Evans, Allen Hagood, Ed Holub, Clint Jones, Polleke Siraa, Joyce Takamine, Pam Wickerd. **Time:** 0630-1600. **Distance:** 28 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Plains riparian, wetlands, plains shortgrass prairie. **Weather:** AM partly cloudy to clear, PM clear, 65-87°F, southwest wind, 5-20 mph. **Totals:** 82 species, 796 individuals.

### September 10, Saturday *Waterton (WAT)*

**Leader(s):** Bob Brown. **Observers:** Peter Gillette, Alison Kondler, Deb Ostergard, Mike Serruto. **Time:** 0630-1345. **Distance:** 8.5 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Streamside riparian, open grass and cultivated fields, elevation 5350'. **Weather:** Some high overcast, 65-90°F, variable wind. 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 49 species, 460 individuals.

### September 11, Sunday *Castlewood Canyon State Park (CAS)*

**Leader(s):** Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Bob Rohwedder, Mary Ellen Sargent. **Time:** 0600-1500. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 32 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, grassland, gambels oak, ponderosa pine, douglas fir, elevation 6300'. **Weather:** Sunny, 55-80°F, southwest wind, 0-4 mph. **Totals:** 53 species, 467 individuals.

### September 12, Monday *Lower Bear Creek and Marston Lake (LOW)*

**Leader(s):** Tamie Bulow. **Observers:** Bev DuGay, Marilyn Fowler, Joyce Takamine. **Time:** 0700-1615. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Greenbelt, urban parks, reservoir, open fields. **Weather:** Clear, 55-83°F, south-southwest wind, 0-25 mph. **Totals:** 64 species, 1682 individuals.

# 2005 Fall Count Summary Table

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|                             | CHE | BAR | BLP | CHA | RMA | WAT | CAS | LOW |       |
| Pied-billed Grebe           | 1   |     |     | 1   | 32  |     |     |     | 34    |
| Eared Grebe                 | 4   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Western Grebe               | 12  | 8   |     | 7   |     |     |     |     | 27    |
| American White Pelican      | 15  | 116 | 85  | 5   | 6   |     |     | 31  | 258   |
| Double-crested Cormorant    | 22  | 37  | 25  | 42  | 22  | 10  |     | 48  | 206   |
| American Bittern            |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Great Blue Heron            | 15  | 9   | 1   | 23  | 4   | 2   |     | 8   | 62    |
| Great Egret                 |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |     | 2     |
| Snowy Egret                 |     | 6   | 14  | 2   | 13  |     |     |     | 35    |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron   | 2   |     |     | 1   | 1   |     |     |     | 4     |
| Turkey Vulture              | 1   |     |     | 1   | 2   |     | 25  | 2   | 31    |
| Canada Goose                | 36  | 215 | 75  | 45  | 77  | 76  |     | 35  | 559   |
| Wood Duck                   |     |     |     | 1   | 3   |     |     |     | 4     |
| Gadwall                     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     | 84  | 85    |
| American Wigeon             | 2   |     |     |     | 1   |     |     | 11  | 14    |
| Mallard                     | 35  | 20  | 150 | 6   | 27  | 9   |     | 28  | 275   |
| Blue-winged Teal            |     |     | 35  |     | 4   |     |     | 18  | 57    |
| Cinnamon Teal               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   | 1     |
| teal sp.                    | 150 |     |     |     |     |     |     | 92  | 242   |
| Northern Shoveler           | 18  |     |     |     | 11  |     |     | 29  | 58    |
| Northern Pintail            |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3   | 3     |
| Duck sp.                    |     | 200 |     |     |     |     |     |     | 200   |
| Green-winged Teal           |     |     |     | 2   | 1   |     |     | 5   | 8     |
| Redhead                     |     |     |     |     | 20  |     |     | 50  | 70    |
| Ring-necked Duck            |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     | 1     |
| Common Merganser            | 2   |     |     | 41  |     |     |     | 7   | 50    |
| Ruddy Duck                  | 12  |     |     |     | 6   |     |     |     | 18    |
| Bald Eagle                  |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Northern Harrier            |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk          |     |     | 1   | 1   |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Cooper's Hawk               |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| accipiter sp.               |     | 1   |     |     |     |     | 1   | 1   | 3     |
| Swainson's Hawk             | 4   | 2   | 18  | 1   |     |     |     | 1   | 26    |
| Red-tailed Hawk             |     | 1   | 4   | 6   | 2   |     | 1   | 2   | 16    |
| western races               |     | (1) |     |     | (2) |     |     | 2   | (5)   |
| Rough-legged Hawk           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 0     |
| buteo sp.                   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   | 1     |
| American Kestrel            | 3   | 3   | 6   | 1   | 4   | 2   |     | 2   | 21    |
| Merlin                      |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Peregrine Falcon            |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     | 1   | 2     |
| Prairie Falcon              |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     | 1     |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1     |

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| Virginia Rail               | 3   |     |     | 10   |     | 2   |     |     | 15    |
| Sora                        | 2   |     |     |      | 2   |     |     |     | 4     |
| American Coot               | 8   | 1   |     | 2    | 11  | 1   |     | 250 | 273   |
| Semipalmated Plover         |     | 1   |     |      |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Killdeer                    | 8   | 35  | 34  | 13   | 17  | 2   |     | 78  | 187   |
| Greater Yellowlegs          |     |     |     |      | 1   |     |     |     | 1     |
| Lesser Yellowlegs           | 1   |     | 20  |      | 4   |     |     |     | 25    |
| Solitary Sandpiper          | 1   | 1   |     |      | 1   |     |     |     | 3     |
| Spotted Sandpiper           | 1   | 1   |     | 3    | 1   |     |     |     | 6     |
| Sanderling                  |     | 2   |     |      |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper      |     |     | 1   |      |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Western Sandpiper           |     | 1   | 3   |      | 1   |     |     | 1   | 6     |
| Least Sandpiper             | 4   |     |     |      | 1   |     |     | 3   | 8     |
| Baird's Sandpiper           |     | 58  | 7   |      | 1   |     |     | 5   | 71    |
| Long-billed Dowitcher       |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     | 0     |
| Wilson's Snipe              | 4   |     |     |      |     | 1   |     |     | 5     |
| Wilson's Phalarope          | 4   |     |     |      | 1   |     |     | 2   | 7     |
| Franklin's Gull             |     | 51  |     |      |     |     |     |     | 51    |
| Ring-billed Gull            | 45  | 62  | 90  | 11   | 31  | 1   |     | 356 | 596   |
| California Gull             | 20  | 48  |     | 9    |     |     |     | 75  | 152   |
| Herring Gull                |     | 1   |     |      |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Common Tern                 | 1   |     |     |      |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Forster's Tern              |     | 1   |     |      |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Rock Pigeon                 | 18  | 7   | 140 | 5    | 37  | 6   | 1   | 15  | 229   |
| Eurasian Collared-dove      |     |     | 4   |      |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Mourning Dove               | 6   | 42  | 107 | 23   | 44  | 3   | 3   | 16  | 244   |
| Great Horned Owl            |     | 2   |     |      | 1   |     |     |     | 3     |
| Burrowing Owl               |     |     | 4   |      | 3   |     |     |     | 7     |
| Common Nighthawk            |     |     | 12  |      |     |     |     |     | 12    |
| Common Poorwill             |     |     |     |      |     |     | 1   |     | 1     |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird    |     |     |     |      |     | 3   |     |     | 3     |
| Rufous Hummingbird          |     |     |     |      |     | 1   |     |     | 1     |
| Belted Kingfisher           | 2   | 1   |     | 8    | 4   | 4   | 1   | 2   | 22    |
| Williamson's Sapsucker      |     |     |     |      |     |     | 1   |     | 1     |
| Downy Woodpecker            | 2   | 5   |     | 6    | 3   | 2   | 3   | 3   | 24    |
| "Rocky Mountain" race       |     |     |     |      | (3) |     |     |     | (3)   |
| "eastern" race              |     | 5   |     |      |     |     |     |     | (5)   |
| Hairy Woodpecker            |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     | 0     |
| Northern Flicker            | 8   | 8   | 2   | 32   | 6   | 11  | 9   | 38  | 114   |
| "Yellow-shafted" race       |     |     |     | 1    |     |     |     |     | (1)   |
| "Red-shafted" race          |     | (8) | (2) | (31) | (6) |     | (9) |     | (56)  |

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| Western Wood-Pewee      |     | 4   |     | 7   | 6   | 10  | 5   | 1   | 33    |
| Dusky Flycatcher        |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher  |     | 1   |     |     |     | 2   |     |     | 3     |
| empidonax sp.           | 1   | 3   |     | 2   | 3   |     | 1   | 2   | 12    |
| Say's Phoebe            | 4   |     |     | 1   | 1   |     | 8   | 6   | 20    |
| Cassin's Kingbird       |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Western Kingbird        | 28  | 3   | 9   | 6   | 27  | 17  |     | 6   | 96    |
| Eastern Kingbird        |     | 1   |     | 1   |     | 1   |     |     | 3     |
| Loggerhead Shrike       |     |     | 2   |     | 1   |     |     | 1   | 4     |
| Bell's Vireo            |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Plumbeous Vireo         |     |     |     | 3   |     | 1   | 3   |     | 7     |
| Cassin's Vireo          |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     | 2     |
| Warbling Vireo          |     | 3   |     | 2   |     |     |     |     | 5     |
| Steller's Jay           |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3   |     | 3     |
| Blue Jay                | 4   | 2   | 2   |     | 4   |     | 2   | 5   | 19    |
| Western Scrub-Jay       |     |     |     |     |     |     | 8   |     | 8     |
| Black-billed Magpie     | 6   | 1   | 6   | 58  | 1   | 3   | 13  | 54  | 142   |
| American Crow           | 3   |     |     | 3   |     | 8   | 28  | 8   | 50    |
| Common Raven            |     |     |     | 5   |     |     | 3   |     | 8     |
| Horned Lark             |     |     |     | 4   |     |     |     |     | 4     |
| Tree Swallow            |     |     |     |     |     | 6   |     |     | 6     |
| Violet-green Swallow    |     |     |     | 15  |     | 5   |     |     | 20    |
| Bank Swallow            |     | 1   |     | 1   | 1   | 1   |     |     | 4     |
| Cliff Swallow           |     |     | 3   |     |     |     |     |     | 3     |
| Barn Swallow            | 25  | 26  | 20  | 60  | 161 | 9   |     | 17  | 318   |
| swallow sp.             |     |     |     |     |     | 80  |     |     | 80    |
| Black-capped Chickadee  | 7   | 2   |     | 34  | 1   | 19  | 10  | 13  | 86    |
| Mountain Chickadee      |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3   |     | 3     |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 8   | 4   | 12    |
| White-breasted Nuthatch |     | 1   |     | 4   |     | 7   | 9   |     | 21    |
| Pygmy Nuthatch          |     |     |     |     |     |     | 6   |     | 6     |
| Rock Wren               | 1   | 2   | 1   |     | 7   | 1   |     | 3   | 15    |
| Canyon Wren             |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     | 1     |
| House Wren              | 2   | 5   | 1   | 5   | 2   | 7   | 5   | 1   | 28    |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet    |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     | 1     |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher   | 2   |     | 1   | 5   | 5   |     | 3   |     | 16    |
| Western Bluebird        |     |     |     |     |     |     | 12  |     | 12    |
| Mountain Bluebird       |     |     |     |     |     |     | 8   |     | 8     |
| Townsend's Solitaire    |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2   |     | 2     |
| Swainson's Thrush       |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     | 1     |
| American Robin          |     | 11  | 1   | 15  | 2   | 17  | 14  | 24  | 84    |
| Gray Catbird            | 3   |     |     | 9   |     | 1   |     |     | 13    |
| Northern Mockingbird    |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     | 1     |
| Sage Thrasher           |     |     |     | 3   | 2   |     | 6   | 3   | 14    |
| European Starling       | 20  | 62  | 850 | 65  | 11  | 22  | 17  | 35  | 1082  |
| Cedar Waxwing           | 2   |     |     | 3   |     | 29  | 2   |     | 36    |

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| LOCATION                 |            |             |             |            |            |            |            |             |              |
| Orange-crowned Warbler   |            | 4           |             | 13         |            |            | 1          | 8           | 26           |
| Nashville Warbler        |            |             |             | 1          |            |            |            |             | 1            |
| Yellow Warbler           | 2          | 3           |             | 1          | 3          | 2          |            |             | 11           |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler    |            |             | 2           |            |            |            |            |             | 2            |
| Townsend's Warbler       |            | 1           | 1           |            |            |            | 2          |             | 4            |
| American Redstart        |            |             |             | 1          |            |            |            |             | 1            |
| Northern Waterthrush     |            |             |             |            | 1          |            |            |             | 1            |
| MacGillivray's Warbler   |            | 2           |             | 1          | 1          |            |            |             | 4            |
| Common Yellowthroat      | 1          | 1           |             | 1          | 1          |            |            |             | 4            |
| Wilson's Warbler         | 1          | 17          |             | 28         | 6          | 12         | 9          | 3           | 76           |
| Yellow-breasted Chat     |            |             |             | 1          |            |            |            |             | 1            |
| Western Tanager          |            |             | 4           |            | 2          | 2          | 2          |             | 10           |
| Green-tailed Towhee      |            |             |             | 1          | 6          | 1          | 2          |             | 10           |
| Spotted Towhee           |            | 1           |             | 5          |            |            | 27         | 1           | 34           |
| Chipping Sparrow         | 1          | 8           | 6           | 72         | 51         | 10         | 67         | 3           | 218          |
| Clay-colored Sparrow     | 1          |             |             | 2          | 2          |            |            |             | 5            |
| Brewer's Sparrow         |            |             | 1           |            | 1          | 1          | 3          | 5           | 11           |
| Vesper Sparrow           |            |             | 26          | 8          | 27         | 3          | 32         | 10          | 106          |
| Lark Sparrow             |            | 2           | 4           | 6          | 9          | 4          | 8          | 15          | 48           |
| Lark Bunting             |            |             | 15          | 1          | 2          | 4          |            |             | 22           |
| Song Sparrow             | 2          | 3           | 2           | 4          | 2          |            | 3          |             | 16           |
| Lincoln's Sparrow        | 1          |             |             |            |            |            |            |             | 1            |
| White-crowned Sparrow    |            |             |             |            | 1          |            |            |             | 1            |
| Dark lored races         |            |             |             |            | 1          |            |            |             | (1)          |
| Dark-eyed Junco          |            |             |             |            |            |            |            |             | 0            |
| Blue Grosbeak            |            | 3           |             |            |            |            |            |             | 3            |
| Lazuli Bunting           | 1          |             |             |            | 1          |            |            |             | 2            |
| Red-winged Blackbird     | 10         | 41          | 75          | 14         | 3          |            |            | 28          | 171          |
| Western Meadowlark       | 3          | 7           | 26          | 12         | 8          |            |            |             | 56           |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird  |            |             | 13          |            | 1          |            |            |             | 14           |
| Brewer's Blackbird       | 75         |             |             | 10         | 3          |            |            | 5           | 93           |
| Common Grackle           |            | 1           | 1           |            | 1          | 1          |            | 4           | 8            |
| Brown-headed Cowbird     |            |             |             |            |            | 12         | 1          |             | 13           |
| Bullock's Oriole         |            |             |             |            | 1          |            |            |             | 1            |
| Cassin's Finch           |            |             |             |            |            |            | 1          |             | 1            |
| House Finch              | 65         | 4           | 32          | 5          | 8          | 13         | 13         | 102         | 242          |
| Pine Siskin              |            |             |             |            |            |            | 6          |             | 6            |
| Lesser Goldfinch         |            |             |             | 16         |            | 13         | 53         |             | 82           |
| American Goldfinch       | 12         | 28          |             | 8          | 8          |            | 10         | 5           | 71           |
| House Sparrow            |            | 12          | 200         |            |            |            |            | 6           | 218          |
| <b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b> | <b>755</b> | <b>1216</b> | <b>2141</b> | <b>841</b> | <b>796</b> | <b>460</b> | <b>467</b> | <b>1682</b> | <b>8,358</b> |
| <b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>     | <b>62</b>  | <b>68</b>   | <b>50</b>   | <b>79</b>  | <b>82</b>  | <b>49</b>  | <b>53</b>  | <b>64</b>   | <b>154</b>   |

## Additional Reports

| Species                     | Dates   | Number seen   | Location                 | County     | Observers & notes                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nashville Warbler           | 9/21    | 1             | Black Wolf Creek, idalia | Yuma       | Urling & Hugh Kingery                                                                                  |
| Blackburnian Warbler        | 9/20    | 1             | Tamarack Ranch           | Logan      | Urling & Hugh Kingery                                                                                  |
| Arctic Loon                 | 9/28    | 1             | Chatfield Reservoir      | Jefferson  | Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek--full alternate plumage!                                    |
| Whimbrel                    | 9/5     | 2             | Prewitt Reservoir        | Washington | Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Tony Leukering                                                               |
| Red Knot                    | 9/25    | 1 juv         | Neenoshe Reservoir       | Kiowa      | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek, Charlie Lawrence, Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Cole Wild--juv. plumage |
| Curlew Sandpiper            | 9/18    | 1 juv         | Prewitt Reservoir        | Washington | Joey Kellner, Paul Differding, Mobs--juv. plumage                                                      |
| Curlew Sandpiper            | 9/20    | 1             | Prewitt Reservoir        | Washington | Urling & Hugh Kingery                                                                                  |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper     | 9/5-9   | 2             | Prewitt Reservoir        | Washington | Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Tony Leukering, Glenn Walbek, Andrew Spencer                                 |
| Pomarine Jaeger             | 9/15-17 | 1             | Cherry Creek Reservoir   | Arapahoe   | Joey Kellner, Mobs                                                                                     |
| Long-tailed Jaeger          | 9/5-18  | 1 dark juv    | Prewitt Reservoir        | Washington | Joey Kellner, Mobs                                                                                     |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull    | 9/5     | 1 near ad     | Prewitt Reservoir        | Washington | Joey Kellner, Mobs                                                                                     |
| Sabine's Gull               | 9/23    | 1 juv         | Jackson Reservoir        | Morgan     | Joey Kellner, Dick Schottler                                                                           |
| Sabine's Gull               | 9/25    | 2 juv         | Neenoshe Reservoir       | Kiowa      | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek, Charlie Lawrence, Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Cole Wild               |
| Sabine's Gull               | 9/25    | 2 juv         | Blue Reservoir           | ?          | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek, Charlie Lawrence, Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Cole Wild               |
| Caspian Tern                | 9/17    | 1ad, 1juv, 2? | Cherry Creek Reservoir   | Arapahoe   | Joey Kellner, Mobs                                                                                     |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo        | 9/25    | 1             | Lamar                    | Prowers    | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek, Charlie Lawrence, Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Cole Wild--good looks!  |
| Eastern Bluebird            | 9/16    | 1imm, 2ad     | Pawnee Grasslands        | Weld       | Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler, Allison Hilf                                                 |
| Tennessee Warbler           | 9/24    | 1             | Chatfield Reservoir      | Douglas    | Joey Kellner, Paul Differding, Jill Holden, Mary Stallings                                             |
| Northern Parula             | 9/23    | 1             | Last Chance Rest Area    | Washington | Joey Kellner, Dick Schottler                                                                           |
| Magnolia Warbler            | 9/17    | 1 fall m      | Chatfield Reservoir      | Douglas    | Joey Kellner                                                                                           |
| Magnolia Warbler            | 9/23    | 1 1st fall f  | Last Chance Rest Area    | Washington | Joey Kellner, Dick Schottler                                                                           |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler | 9/9-16  | 1             | Pawnee Grasslands        | Weld       | Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek, Mobs                                                       |
| Blackpoll Warbler           | 9/9     | 1             | Prewitt Reservoir        | Washington | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek, Andrew Spencer                                                             |
| Bullock's Oriole            | 9/25    | 1m, 1f        | Lamar                    | Prowers    | Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek, Charlie Lawrence, Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Cole Wild--late!        |

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**T**he *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Boulevard., Denver, CO 80205. The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer and month of December) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$20.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. *Please wait until the December issue to send in your membership and/or notification of changes in name or address.*

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Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be sent to the Editor no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse any submittals, and to edit any announcement.

The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.



**S**cheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

**Field Trip/Count Reports:** Debra Bogar, 9475 W. Hinsdale Pl., Littleton, CO 80128, 303.932-7607, [dafb@earthlink.net](mailto:dafb@earthlink.net)

**Additional Reports:** Jennifer Lynch [jlynch73@yahoo.com](mailto:jlynch73@yahoo.com)

### Upcoming Field Trips

**Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct:** Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, [delane@pcisys.net](mailto:delane@pcisys.net)

**Feb, May, Aug, Nov** includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, [cris@pcisys.net](mailto:cris@pcisys.net)

**Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec** includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Allison Hilf [ahilf@aol.com](mailto:ahilf@aol.com) and Meredith Anderson, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, [kimmer815@aol.com](mailto:kimmer815@aol.com)

**! Reminder:** If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations.

Our web [www.dfobirders.org](http://www.dfobirders.org) lists current field trip schedules that you can download. Changes to trip schedules will be posted on the site.



## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science.** The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at **7:30 pm**, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*, the DFO monthly newsletter, is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

### 2006

## Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

***All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year***

***if paid after October 1st. If you would prefer to have the Lark Bunting emailed to you, please include your email address and check the box below.***

**\$20.00** ☐ Regular Family Membership

**\$5** ☐ Student Membership (age 18 or younger)

☐ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert \$\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Address

City

State

Zip

(Third-class mailing needs  
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Please wait to send in your 2006 membership — there is to be a change of Treasurer, details to be announced in the December issue.

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Wednesday November 2, 7:30pm

Speaker Bob Righter, co-author of Colorado Birds, lead author of Birds of Western Colorado, lead author of Bird Songs of the Rocky Mountains by Cornell Lab of Ornithology. This DFO presentation is guaranteed to be lively, featuring a talk-audio-slide show drawn from ornithology's past, including stories of Audubon, Lewis & Clark and others.

There is no monthly meeting in December. Please join one of the Christmas Bird Counts that will be listed in the December Lark Bunting.

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### 52nd Denver Christmas Count - Saturday December 17, 2005

#### *The Counts Count!*

*We encourage all DFO members to support the counts. The minimal charge goes to Audubon, and your observations are valuable in keeping track of Colorado birds.*



Count Leader/Compiler: Dick Schottler (303-278-8035, <[birdschot@uswest.net](mailto:birdschot@uswest.net)>)  
Feeder Coordinators: Patty Echelmeyer (303-233-4947), Tina Jones (303-794-2647)  
Compilation meeting: 5:00pm at Wild Birds Unlimited, 2720 S. Wadsworth Blvd.

All DFO members are encouraged to participate in the annual Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC) sponsored by the Denver Field Ornithologists and the National Audubon Society. To participate, call one of the Area Leaders listed below to assist in a particular area, or call the Count Leader if you would like to help in an area that still needs additional observers. As can be seen on the list, **there are still several areas that do not have leaders and will not be covered unless volunteers are found to help out.** If you would be willing to lead in one of these areas, please call the Count Leader as soon as possible. After a day in the field, all participants are invited to attend the short compilation meeting hosted again this year by Sandy and Scott Menough at Wild Birds Unlimited to warm up, chat with other birders, and find out how the count fared. It is a lot of fun.

*Fees:* Each observer over the age of 18 must pay a \$5.00 fee to participate in the Denver CBC. Participants should pay the \$5.00 fee to their Area Leader before taking part in the Count. Checks should be made payable to *National Audubon Society*, not to DFO.

Area locations and names and phone numbers of Area Leaders are listed below. Participants should contact Area Leaders for meeting times and places on Count Day, Saturday, December 17.

| Area Number and Location       | Area Leader   | Phone Number |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Red Rocks Park              | Bob Brown     | 303-791-6204 |
| 2. Lower Bear Creek            | Tamie Bulow   | 303-462-1238 |
| 2A. Bear Creek Lake Park       | Kathy Hawkins | 303-969-8909 |
| 3. Bow Mar/Marston             | Karl Stecher  | 303-779-8887 |
| 4A. Lower South Platte - East  | Ed Holub      | 303-979-2194 |
| 4B. Lower South Platte - West  | Warren Finch  | 303-233-3372 |
| 5. Highline Ditch              | Harold Oliver | 303-936-6902 |
| 6. Plum Creek                  | Norm Erthal   | 303-424-6747 |
| 7A. Middle South Platte - West | Randy Lentz   | 303-680-3381 |

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## 52nd Denver Christmas Bird Count - Saturday, December 17, 2005

|                                |                  |              |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 7B. Middle South Platte - East | Hugh Kingery     | 303-814-2723 |
| 8. Chatfield State Park        | Joey Kellner     | 303-978-1748 |
| 9. Upper South Platte *        | (leader needed)  |              |
| 10. Lower Deer Creek           | Lynn Willcockson | 303-757-7000 |
| 11. Upper Deer Creek           | (leader needed)  |              |
| 12. Yegge Peak                 | Ann Bonnell      | 303-979-6211 |
| 13. Doublehead Mountain        | (leader needed)  |              |
| 14. North Turkey Creek         | Dick Schottler   | 303-278-8035 |
| 15. Indian Hills               | Sherman Wing     | 303-697-8840 |
| 16. Upper Bear Creek           | (leader needed)  |              |
| 17. Ken Caryl Ranch            | (leader needed)  |              |
| 18. Garrison Gate              | (leader needed)  |              |



### December DFO Field Trips and more Christmas Counts

#### Saturday, December 3 *Parker Regional Park.*

Leader : Buzz Schaumberg (303) 699-1721. Meet at the park entrance at 0800. From intersection of Main Street and Highway 83 in Parker, go south 1.2 miles. Turn right on Indian Pipe Lane to parking area. Easy walking on mostly paved trails. Half day trip; lunch optional.

#### Sunday, December 4 *White Ranch and Clear Creek Open Space.*

Leader : Paul Slingsby (303)422 -3728. Meet at 0800 at the Clear Creek Open Space trailhead. From I-70 take exit 264, 32nd Ave. and go north on Youngfield to Clear Creek (41st Ave.); turn right into open space trailhead. Dress for changing weather conditions, bring water, snacks and lunch.

#### Saturday, December 17

Denver Christmas Bird Count. Scheduled by Dick Schottler 303.278.8035 (details above)

#### Sunday, December 18

Evergreen Christmas Bird Count. Scheduled by Tom Van Erp 303.816.4420 Tomvanerp@aol.com.

#### Sunday December 18

Boulder Christmas Bird Count. Contact Bill Schmoker, bill@schmoker.org

#### Sunday, January 1

Denver Urban Bird Count Monday, details on next page.

#### January 2

Douglas County Christmas Bird Count. Register at Roxborough State Park, (303) 973-3959.

## Urban Denver Christmas Count, January 1, 2006

January 1, 2006: URBAN DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT: Platte River from North City limits to Mississippi, west to Buckley Field and Rocky Mtn. Arsenal. Start the New Year with a half day or whole day effort—a good way to start your 2003 Year List!

5:00 p.m. After the count, **Pot Luck** at Casey Davenport's, 415 South High (5 blocks west of University, about 2 blocks south of Alameda); please call Casey (303-744-0613) so we can count you in on the chili pot, Urling's brownies, and Casey's hospitality. Count Leader, Hugh Kingery 303-814-2723

| Area | Location                                              | Leader(s)                      | Telephone                                                                     |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | South Platte (south)<br>To Confluence Park            | Doris Cruze                    | 303-798-8072                                                                  |
| 3    | South Platte (north)<br>From Riverside Cemetery north | Dick Schottler                 | 303-278-8035                                                                  |
| 4    | Rocky Mtn. Arsenal                                    | Urling Kingery                 | 303-814-2723                                                                  |
| 5    | Commerce City/Montbello                               | Jackie King                    | 303-287-1644                                                                  |
| 6    | Sand Creek/Tollgate Creek,<br>Bluff Lake, & Aurora,   | Randy Lentz<br>Buzz Schaumberg | 303-680-3381<br>303-699-1721                                                  |
| 7    | Cherry Creek Res.                                     | Glenn Walbek                   | 720-560-3671 < <a href="mailto:GWalbek@comcast.net">GWalbek@comcast.net</a> > |
| 8    | Kent School, S/Hampden                                | Lynn Willcockson               | 303-757-7000                                                                  |
| 10   | Cherry Creek dam to<br>Denver Country Club            | Paul Slingsby                  | 303-422-3728                                                                  |
| 11   | Fairmont, Lowry Field                                 | Tuesday Birders                | 303-979-6211                                                                  |
| 13   | City Park/Park Hill                                   | Kevin Corwin                   | 720-482-8454                                                                  |
| 15   | Botanic Gardens,<br>Denver Country Club, Wash. Park   | Casey Davenport                | 303-744-0613                                                                  |



## October 2005 Field Trip Summaries

### October 1, Saturday *Platte River Greenbelt (PLA)*

**Leader(s):** Jackie King. **Observers:** Bob Bethel, John Breitsch. **Time:** 0800-1230. **Distance:** 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Clear and calm, 72-89°F, south-southeast wind, 5-10 mph. **Totals:** 33 species, 821 individuals.

### October 2, Sunday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

**Leader(s):** Gregg Goodrich. **Observers:** Bob Brandle, Warren Finch, Derek Hankins, Peggy Hankins, Fred Hager, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Mary Ellen Sargent, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1100. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Urban riparian. **Weather:** Clear, 60-80°F, wind 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 33 species, 951 individuals.

### October 8, Saturday *Carson Nature Center (CAR)*

**Leader(s):** Lea Ann and Bob Brown. **Observers:** Ted Pinkert, Mary Ellen Sargent, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0800-1115. **Distance:** 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Streamside riparian, suburban, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Clear, 50-65°F, calm. **Totals:** 37 species, 365 individuals.

### October 9, Sunday *The Big Sit at Chatfield State Park (SIT)*

**Leader(s):** Joey Kellner. **Observers:** John Breitsch, Jean Davis, Jill Holden, Ed Holub, Charlie Lawrence, Randy Lentz, Nancy Pinkert, Ted Pinkert, Ira Sanders, Tammy Sanders, Jim Schmoker, Dick Schottler, Kathryn Smith, Steve Smith, Andrew Spencer, Steve Stachowiak, Pamela Tarrall, Glen Walbek, Kimberly Walbek, Nicole Walbek. **Time:** 0530-1530. **Weather:** Overcast all day with light drizzle starting at 1100, 45-57°F, wind variable turning to North, 3-15 mph. **Totals:** 55 species, 886 individuals.

### October 15, Saturday *Walden Ponds, Boulder County (WAL)*

**Leader(s):** Ted Floyd. **Observers:** 16. **Time:** 0550-1200. **Distance:** 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponds, thickets, groves, etc, elevation 5400'. **Weather:** Sunny and starry, 32-72°F, calm. **Totals:** 62 species, 2531 individuals.

### October 16, Sunday *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

**Leader(s):** Mary Burger. **Observers:** Patty Echelmeyer, Peggy Gonder, Fred Griest, Kay Niyo, Ted and Nancy Pinkert, Mary Ellen Sargent, Sue Schulman, Jan and Jack Whiting. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian, elevation 5550'. **Weather:** Sunny, clear, 60-70°F, calm. **Totals:** 43 species, 1031 individuals.

### October 22, Saturday *Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge (ROC)*

**Leader(s):** Dave Rhoades. **Observers:** Patty Echelmeyer, Gene Ellis, Sid Evans, Peggy Hankins, Diana Mullineaux, Sue Robbins, Mary Stallings, Connie Takamine. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, lakes, woodlands, elevation 5250'. **Weather:** Clear, 40-55°F, breezy, west wind. **Totals:** 48 species, 694 individuals.

### October 23, Sunday *Big Dry Creek Open Space (BIG)*

**Leader(s):** Norm Lewis and Debbie Westbrook. **Observers:** John Breitsch, Jim Duggan, Elaine and Mel Emeigh, Allen Hagood, Robert Hill, Nina Rough, Polleke Siraa, Paul Slingsby, Pamela Terrall, Barb Thomas. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponds, riparian, prairie. **Weather:** Cloudy to partly cloudy, 30-40°F, west wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 35 species, 1310 individuals.

### October 29, Saturday *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

**Leader(s):** Ed Holub. **Observers:** Chris Bourg, Patty Echelmeyer, Gail Evans, Allen Haygood, Neil Montague, Diana Mullineaux, Mary Ellen Sargent, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0800-1430. **Distance:** 16 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, river, riparian, prairie, elevation 5400'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy and overcast, some sprinkles, 47-57°F, northwest wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 39 species, 1791 individuals.

## October 2005 Field Trip Summaries, continued

### October 30, Sunday

#### *Longmont Area (LON)*

**Leader(s):** Dick Pratt. **Observers:** Dianna and Wayne Johnston, Patty Echelmeyer, Chuck Lowrie, Chris Owens, Roni and Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0900-1415. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes, and agricultural fields, elevation 4900'. **Weather:** Overcast, slight rain, no wind. **Totals:** 56 species, 5709 individuals.

### Tuesday Birders

### October 4

#### *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Large reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, open grassy areas, elevation 5430'. **Weather:** Cloudy to partly cloudy, 46-54°F, northeast wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 32 species, 548 individuals.

October 11 – cancelled due to inclement weather

### October 18

#### *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 29. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 7 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Large reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails marsh, open woodlands, grasslands, elevation 5350'. **Weather:** Sunny, 58-68°F, calm. **Totals:** 21 species, 477 individuals.

### October 25

#### *Bear Creek Lake Park, Lakewood (BEL)*

**Leader(s):** Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 37. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 9 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails and open fields, elevation 5800'. **Weather:** Cloudy to partly cloudy, 53-63°F, southwest wind, 0-12 mph. **Totals:** 17 species, 120 individuals.

### DFO Board votes to increase membership dues

In an effort to get the Lark Bunting to our members in a more timely fashion, the Board has voted to use first class mail rather than bulk mail for our newsletter. We have increased the dues by \$5 to absorb some of this cost. Hopefully this will result in a more prompt delivery of your Lark Bunting, and a happier membership! Anyone who has already renewed their membership will not be billed the additional \$ for their membership - but with the new application in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*, the new dues go into effect.) Tamie Bulow

*Note from the editor, although first class mail is fast, nothing beats email (cheaper too!)*

### Welcome New Members!

Karel Buckley, PO Box 1116, Evergreen, CO 80437, 303.670.8859

Bryan Arnold, 4456 W. Pondview Drive, Littleton, CO 80123, 720.283.1937

### Contributions

*Rare Bird Alert/Educational Endowment Fund*—Robert Righter

# October 2005 Field Trip Summary Table

| SPECIES<br>DATE<br>LOCATION | DFO FIELD TRIPS |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | TUESDAY BIRDERS |    |     |     | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----------------|----|-----|-----|-------|
|                             | 1               | 2   | 8   | 9   | 15  | 16  | 22  | 23  | 29  | 30   | 4               | 11 | 18  | 25  |       |
|                             | PLA             | BAR | CAR | SIT | WAL | CHE | ROC | BIG | CHA | LON  | CHA             |    | CHE | BEA |       |
| Pacific Loon                |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1    |                 |    |     |     | 1     |
| Common Loon                 |                 |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     | 3   |      |                 |    |     |     | 4     |
| Pied-billed Grebe           |                 |     | 1   |     | 20  | 1   | 9   | 4   | 1   | 7    | 1               |    | 1   |     | 45    |
| Horned Grebe                |                 |     |     | 2   |     | 10  |     |     | 5   | 6    |                 |    |     |     | 23    |
| Eared Grebe                 |                 |     |     |     |     | 60  | 1   |     |     | 12   |                 |    |     |     | 73    |
| Western Grebe               |                 | 17  |     | 85  |     | 210 |     |     | 45  | 2000 | 42              |    | 100 |     | 2499  |
| Clark's Grebe               |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1    |                 |    |     |     | 1     |
| American White Pelican      |                 | 37  |     | 1   |     | 48  | 60  |     | 75  | 12   | 4               |    | 28  |     | 265   |
| Double-crested Cormorant    | 9               | 10  | 44  | 149 | 1   | 22  | 6   |     | 200 |      | 85              |    | 45  |     | 571   |
| Great Blue Heron            | 2               | 8   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 6   | 6   | 3   | 2   | 7    | 3               |    | 2   |     | 43    |
| Egret sp                    |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | 4               |    |     |     | 4     |
| Snowy Egret                 |                 | 1   |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |      |                 |    |     |     | 2     |
| Cattle Egret                |                 |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |      |                 |    |     |     | 1     |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron   |                 |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     | 3    |                 |    |     |     | 4     |
| Canada Goose                | 27              | 500 | 3   | 60  | 100 | 12  | 50  | 60  | 500 | 15   | 90              |    | 16  |     | 1433  |
| Wood Duck                   |                 |     | 1   | 1   | 1   |     |     |     |     |      |                 |    |     |     | 3     |
| Gadwall                     | 45              |     | 28  | 6   | 10  |     | 36  | 20  | 5   | 212  |                 |    |     |     | 362   |
| American Wigeon             |                 | 10  | 40  | 2   | 500 | 14  | 20  | 15  | 20  | 81   |                 |    |     |     | 702   |
| Mallard                     |                 | 30  | 16  | 29  | 20  | 20  | 12  | 15  | 5   | 72   | 30              |    | 2   | 9   | 260   |
| Blue-winged Teal            |                 |     |     | 5   | 1   |     |     |     |     |      |                 |    |     |     | 6     |
| Northern Shoveler           | 10              | 40  | 6   | 7   | 1   | 6   | 20  | 12  | 25  | 20   |                 |    |     |     | 147   |
| Northern Pintail            | 5               | 2   | 4   |     | 10  |     | 6   |     |     | 12   |                 |    |     |     | 39    |
| Green-winged Teal           | 50              |     | 2   | 9   | 20  | 10  | 2   |     | 12  | 9    |                 |    |     |     | 114   |
| Canvasback                  |                 |     |     |     |     |     | 3   |     |     |      |                 |    |     |     | 3     |
| Redhead                     |                 |     |     |     |     |     | 20  |     |     | 52   |                 |    |     |     | 72    |
| Ring-necked Duck            |                 |     |     | 1   | 500 |     | 10  |     | 5   | 36   |                 |    |     |     | 552   |
| Lesser Scaup                |                 |     |     | 1   | 1   |     | 10  |     |     |      |                 |    |     |     | 12    |
| Surf Scoter                 |                 |     |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |      |                 |    |     |     | 2     |
| Bufflehead                  |                 |     |     |     | 10  |     | 35  |     |     | 14   |                 |    |     | 2   | 61    |
| Common Goldeneye            |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |                 |    |     | 1   | 1     |
| Hooded Merganser            |                 |     | 3   |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |      |                 |    |     |     | 4     |
| Common Merganser            |                 |     |     | 25  |     |     |     |     | 175 |      | 74              |    |     | 3   | 277   |
| Red-breasted Merganser      |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3    |                 |    |     |     | 3     |
| Ruddy Duck                  |                 | 10  |     |     | 1   | 70  | 32  |     |     | 10   | 17              |    |     |     | 140   |
| Osprey                      |                 |     | 1   | 1   | 2   | 1   |     |     | 1   |      |                 |    |     |     | 6     |
| Bald Eagle                  |                 | 2   |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     | 5    | 1               |    |     |     | 9     |
| Northern Harrier            |                 |     |     |     | 1   | 1   | 3   |     |     | 4    |                 |    |     |     | 9     |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk          |                 |     | 2   | 3   | 1   |     |     |     | 1   |      |                 |    |     |     | 7     |
| Red-tailed Hawk             |                 |     | 2   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 4   | 8   | 2   | 26   |                 |    | 1   | 2   | 50    |
| Ferruginous Hawk            |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2    |                 |    |     |     | 2     |
| Rough-legged Hawk           |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |                 |    |     |     | 0     |
| Golden Eagle                |                 |     |     | 2   |     |     |     | 1   | 1   |      |                 |    |     |     | 4     |
| American Kestrel            | 4               |     | 4   |     | 3   | 3   | 4   | 6   |     | 16   | 1               |    | 1   | 1   | 43    |
| Merlin                      | 1               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |                 |    |     |     | 1     |
| Peregrine Falcon            | 1               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |                 |    |     |     | 1     |
| Prairie Falcon              |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2    |                 |    |     |     | 2     |



# October 2005 Field Trip Summary Table, continued

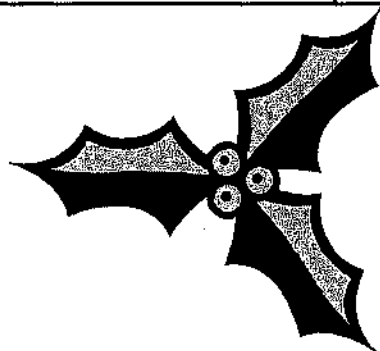
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|                             | 1               | 2   | 8   | 9   | 15  | 16  | 22  | 23  | 29   | 30   | 4               | 11 | 18  | 25  |       |
|                             | PLA             | BAR | CAR | SIT | WAL | CHE | ROC | BIG | CHA  | LON  | CHA             |    | CHE | BEA |       |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        |                 | 1   |     |     |     | 1   | 1   | 2   |      |      |                 |    | 1   |     | 6     |
| Wild Turkey                 |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | 5    |                 |    |     |     | 5     |
| Virginia Rail               |                 |     |     |     | 4   | 3   |     | 1   |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 8     |
| American Coot               |                 | 30  | 2   | 70  | 20  | 300 | 26  |     | 300  | 50   | 21              |    | 45  |     | 864   |
| Black-bellied Plover        |                 | 4   |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 4     |
| Killdeer                    | 26              | 4   | 3   | 21  | 30  | 3   | 1   |     | 1    | 12   |                 |    |     |     | 101   |
| American Avocet             | 1               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 1     |
| Greater Yellowlegs          |                 |     |     |     | 7   |     | 4   |     |      | 1    |                 |    |     |     | 12    |
| Lesser Yellowlegs           |                 |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 1     |
| Spotted Sandpiper           |                 |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 1     |
| Least Sandpiper             |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | 10   |                 |    |     |     | 10    |
| Long-billed Dowitcher       |                 | 10  |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 10    |
| Wilson's Snipe              |                 |     | 7   |     | 50  | 1   |     |     |      | 1    |                 |    |     |     | 59    |
| Wilson's Phalarope          |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      | 2               |    |     |     | 2     |
| Red-necked Phalarope        |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      | 2               |    |     |     | 2     |
| Red Phalarope               |                 |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 1     |
| Pomarine Jaeger             |                 |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 1     |
| Laughing Gull               |                 |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 1     |
| Franklin's Gull             | 65              | 100 |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 165   |
| Ring-billed Gull            | 120             | 75  | 7   | 110 | 100 | 125 | 100 | 16  | 140  | 2250 | 43              |    | 175 | 25  | 3286  |
| California Gull             | 1               |     |     | 25  |     | 10  |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 36    |
| Herring Gull                |                 | 1   |     | 3   |     |     |     |     | 1    |      |                 |    |     |     | 5     |
| Sabine's Gull               |                 |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 2     |
| Forster's Tern              |                 |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 1     |
| Rock Pigeon                 | 110             |     |     | 2   | 10  | 15  | 6   | 100 | 1    | 40   |                 |    |     | 8   | 292   |
| Eurasian Collared-dove      |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | 100  |                 |    |     |     | 100   |
| Mourning Dove               |                 |     |     | 1   | 1   |     |     | 3   |      |      | 20              |    |     |     | 25    |
| Great Horned Owl            |                 |     |     | 2   | 5   |     | 1   | 1   |      |      |                 |    | 3   |     | 12    |
| Rufous Hummingbird          |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 0     |
| Belted Kingfisher           | 4               |     | 2   | 3   | 5   | 3   | 1   | 4   | 3    | 4    | 3               |    | 3   | 1   | 36    |
| Downy Woodpecker            | 2               |     | 2   | 2   | 2   | 3   |     | 1   |      | 1    |                 |    |     |     | 13    |
| Hairy Woodpecker            |                 |     |     |     | 1   |     | 1   |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 2     |
| Northern Flicker            | 10              | 6   | 8   | 6   | 20  | 3   | 16  | 35  | 11   | 6    | 8               |    | 7   | 4   | 139   |
| "Red-shafted" race          | (10)            |     |     | (6) |     |     |     |     | (11) |      |                 |    |     |     | (27)  |
| Buff-breasted Flycatcher    |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 0     |
| Northern Shrike             |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | 1    |                 |    |     |     | 1     |
| Blue Jay                    | 3               | 3   | 2   | 6   | 5   |     | 1   | 2   |      |      | 1               |    |     |     | 23    |
| Black-billed Magpie         |                 |     | 1   | 6   | 5   | 9   | 7   | 20  | 7    | 5    | 9               |    | 7   | 7   | 83    |
| American Crow               |                 |     | 1   | 90  | 10  | 4   |     | 1   | 4    | 70   | 10              |    |     | 6   | 196   |
| Common Raven                |                 |     |     | 3   | 2   |     |     |     |      |      | 1               |    | 1   |     | 7     |
| Horned Lark                 |                 | 5   |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 5     |
| Barn Swallow                |                 | 5   |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 7     |
| Black-capped Chickadee      | 4               |     | 3   | 8   | 5   | 3   |     | 3   | 3    |      | 2               |    | 3   | 2   | 36    |
| White-breasted Nuthatch     |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1    |      |                 |    |     |     | 1     |
| Brown Creeper               |                 |     |     |     | 3   |     |     |     | 1    |      |                 |    |     |     | 4     |
| Rock Wren                   | 3               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 3     |
| House Wren                  |                 |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 2     |
| Marsh Wren                  |                 |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 1     |
| American Dipper             |                 |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 1     |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet        |                 | 1   |     |     | 5   |     |     | 1   |      |      |                 |    |     |     | 7     |

# October 2005 Field Trip Summary Table, continued

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
|                             | 1<br>PLA        | 2<br>BAR | 8<br>CAR | 9<br>SIT | 15<br>WAL | 16<br>CHE | 22<br>ROC | 23<br>BIG | 29<br>CHA | 30<br>LON | 4<br>CHA        | 11<br>CHE | 18<br>BEA | 25<br>BEA |        |
| Western Bluebird            |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           | 2         |           |                 |           | 8         |           | 10     |
| Mountain Bluebird           |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           | 6         |           |                 |           |           |           | 6      |
| Townsend's Solitaire        |                 |          |          | 1        |           |           | 1         |           |           | 2         |                 |           |           |           | 4      |
| Hermit Thrush               |                 | 2        |          |          | 10        |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 12     |
| American Robin              | 1               | 1        | 9        | 40       | 100       | 1         | 30        | 500       | 50        | 2         | 3               |           |           | 1         | 738    |
| Gray Catbird                |                 |          |          |          |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1      |
| European Starling           | 35              | 25       | 54       | 6        | 200       | 10        | 29        | 50        | 30        | 170       | 35              |           | 20        | 40        | 704    |
| Orange-crowned Warbler      |                 |          |          |          | 5         |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 5      |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler       | 1               | 3        | 6        | 12       | 11        |           | 1         |           |           |           | 2               |           | 1         |           | 37     |
| "Myrtle" race               |                 |          |          |          | 1         |           |           |           |           |           | 2               |           |           |           | (3)    |
| "Audubon's" race            |                 |          |          |          | 10        |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | (10)   |
| Blackpoll Warbler           | 1               |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1      |
| Common Yellowthroat         |                 |          |          |          | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1      |
| Green-tailed Towhee         |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1               |           |           |           | 1      |
| Spotted Towhee              |                 | 1        |          |          |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2      |
| American Tree Sparrow       |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           | 8         |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 8      |
| Chipping Sparrow            |                 |          |          |          | 1         | 1         | 1         |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 3      |
| Clay-colored Sparrow        |                 |          |          | 1        |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1      |
| Fox Sparrow                 |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 0      |
| Song Sparrow                | 2               | 2        | 3        |          | 10        | 3         |           | 10        | 2         | 2         | 1               |           |           |           | 35     |
| White-crowned Sparrow       | 2               |          |          | 6        | 50        | 20        | 1         | 8         |           | 5         | 2               |           |           |           | 94     |
| Dark-eyed Junco             |                 |          |          |          | 3         | 3         | 18        |           | 31        | 1         |                 |           |           |           | 56     |
| "Slate-colored" race        |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           | (1)       |           |                 |           |           |           | (1)    |
| "Oregon" race               |                 |          |          |          | 3         |           |           |           | (15)      |           |                 |           |           |           | (18)   |
| "Pink-sided" race           |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           | (15)      |           |                 |           |           |           | (15)   |
| Red-winged Blackbird        | 165             | 1        | 26       | 50       | 100       | 2         | 38        | 250       |           | 285       |                 |           |           |           | 917    |
| Western Meadowlark          | 1               | 4        |          | 3        | 5         | 3         | 19        | 1         | 4         | 7         | 15              |           |           |           | 62     |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird     |                 |          | 1        |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 1      |
| Brewer's Blackbird          |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |           | 5         |                 |           |           |           | 5      |
| Common Grackle              |                 |          | 6        |          | 500       |           |           | 35        |           | 5         |                 |           |           |           | 546    |
| Great-tailed Grackle        |                 |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |           | 3         |                 |           |           |           | 3      |
| House Finch                 | 55              |          | 45       | 4        | 20        | 5         | 36        | 100       | 110       | 2         | 15              |           | 10        | 5         | 407    |
| Pine Siskin                 |                 |          |          |          | 2         |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |           |           | 2      |
| American Goldfinch          | 30              |          | 15       | 3        | 10        |           |           | 9         |           | 17        |                 |           |           |           | 84     |
| House Sparrow               | 25              |          | 4        |          | 1         | 2         |           | 5         |           | 8         |                 |           |           |           | 45     |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS           | 821             | 951      | 365      | 886      | 2531      | 1031      | 694       | 1310      | 1791      | 5709      | 548             | 0         | 477       | 120       | 17,234 |
| TOTAL SPECIES               | 33              | 33       | 37       | 55       | 62        | 43        | 48        | 35        | 39        | 56        | 32              | 0         | 21        | 17        | 121    |

## OBSERVATION LEGEND:

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nestling, m=male, f=female, h=heard only,  
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*Wishing all of you a very  
 happy holiday season and a  
 brilliant birding new year.*

## News from Audubon

### Hot Issue of the Day

#### Summary Information

**THE ISSUE AT HAND...** The House of Representatives passed Congressman Richard Pombo's (R-CA) "Extinction Bill" – a rewrite of the Endangered Species Act that would gut our nation's core program aimed at bringing back birds and wildlife from the brink of extinction. The final vote of 229 to 193 in favor of passage was not a complete victory for Rep. Pombo and his colleagues who hoped to get a landslide vote in the House and thereby force action in the Senate. Instead, a bipartisan group of lawmakers fought hard against the bill and was able to raise important concerns. These key issues will be part of the debate in the Senate, and the close vote in the House will help us rally support there.

The version passed in the House (H.R. 3824) would substantially limit the government's responsibility to protect America's most vulnerable birds and wildlife. The legislation would:

- \* Eliminate habitat protections for endangered species. The Extinction Bill would severely limit the federal government's responsibility to protect land considered to be critical habitat to insure the survival of endangered species. Instead, the legislation would require that recovery plans identify areas of "special value to the conservation of the species." Unlike "critical habitat," the term "areas . . . of special value" is not defined by the legislation and is therefore subject to politically motivated interpretations of what constitutes an area of "special value."
- \* The Extinction bill will benefit wealthy special interests at the expense of endangered wildlife. Rep. Pombo worked closely with representatives of wealthy special interests who stand to benefit from a weakening of the Endangered Species Act. For example, one of the provisions in the "Extinction Bill" would force the federal government to pay developers, loggers and other special interests for complying with the law, with no limit on the number of claims that could be brought for compensation.
- \* Give special breaks to polluters whose activities harm endangered birds and wildlife like the Bald Eagle. Despite the fact that our nation's symbol, the Bald Eagle, was placed on the Endangered Species list due to threats from the deadly pesticide DDT, Pombo's bill would cut wildlife experts out of the process of approving harmful pesticides. This would take away the ability under the Endangered Species Act to stop pesticide use even when it is necessary to prevent extinction.

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**S**cheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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### Upcoming Field Trips

**Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct:** Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, [delane@pcisys.net](mailto:delane@pcisys.net)

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**! Reminder:** If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations.

Our web [www.dfobirders.org](http://www.dfobirders.org) lists current field trip schedules that you can download. Changes to trip schedules will be posted on the site.

## Membership Information

**Purpose:** The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

**Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings** are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in Classroom 301. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you upstairs to the Classroom. Meetings start at **7:30 pm**, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

**Field Trips:** These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (January 06) is .30 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. *The Lark Bunting*, the DFO monthly newsletter, is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

### Denver Field Ornithologists

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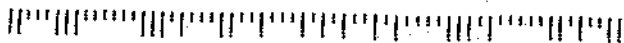
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## " A Birder's New Year's Resolutions for 2006"

**January 4, 2006, DFO Program**

Bill Schmoker, teacher, birder, photographer  
extraordinaire will present his bird photos and talk  
about setting goals for the new year. As a preview to  
this program you may want to visit his website  
which now contains over 500 bird species

<http://schmoker.org/BirdPics>

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Bill is currently Vice President of the Colorado Field Ornithologists and also  
Colorado/Wyoming regional editor for North American Birds.

The January meeting will be held in the third floor classroom, Room 301.

The meetings are free and open to the general public.